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Evangelism Conf. celebrates God for Us

By Carl M. White
Associate Editor

The 2000 Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference was "the best we have had in a long time," according to S. A. "Sonny" Adkins, director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

The conference was held at two locations, starting the afternoon of Jan. 21 at Ridgecrest Church, Madison, with the final session the afternoon of Jan. 22 at the Mississippi Coliseum where more than 2,500 choir voices and the 170-piece Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra presented the Christian musical God for Us.

"God for Us gave us an opportunity to come from all over Mississippi — as well as one choir from Alabama — and unite together under the power of the Holy Spirit to lift up our great God in praise, witness, and testimony," said Graham Smith, director of the MBCB Church Music Department.

In addition, an interfaith conference was held on the evening of Jan. 20, focusing on Mormonism, and on the morning of Jan. 21, focusing on the New Age movement.

During the opening session of the evangelism conference, Jim Futral, MBCB executive director, filled in for Alabama evangelist Junior Hill, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Pointing out that Jesus

Christ was a great communicator, Futral spoke of the style, the substance, and the significance of his communication.

"The Gospel is all or nothing. It is not one idea among others, but is in a category all its on," Futral said.

During the Jan. 21 evening session of the evangelism conference, Jackson native Ken Weathersby, director of the Cecil B. Day Center for Church Planting at New Orleans Seminary, preached a message from Heb. 12:1-2, saying God has a plan for each person, that preparation is necessary, there is a price to pay, and there is a prize to possess.

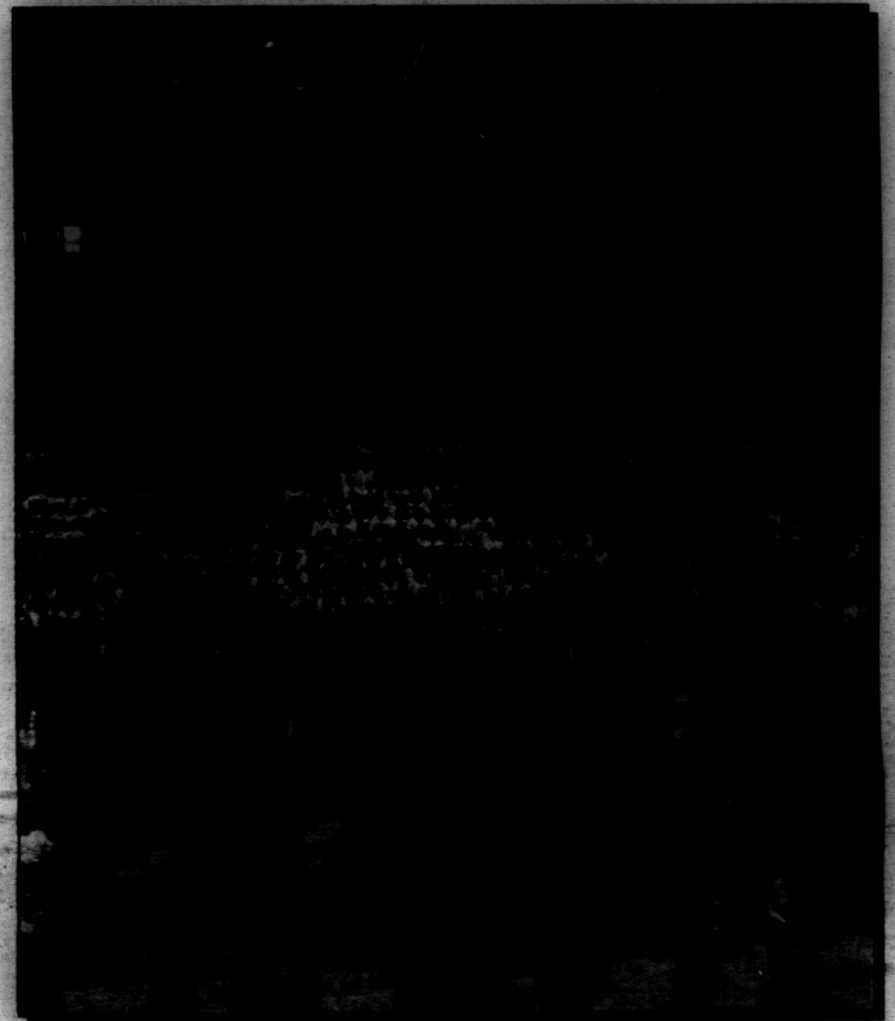
Thanks to Jesus Christ, "...we've got tracks on the other side of death," Weathersby said.

Also at the Jan. 21 evening session, Starkville native Ken Smith spoke to the pastors in the crowd and their struggles, saying, "At 30, I wanted to be a great preacher. At 40, I wanted to be a pastor of a big church. At 50, I discovered I wanted to know God."

Smith is an evangelist based in West Columbia, S.C.

Music evangelist Steve and Becky Carver led in praise and worship, along with Bill Britton, minister of music at First Church, Olive Branch, and Greg O'Neal, minister of music at Ridgecrest Church, Madison.

"Outstanding preaching on the part of the program personalities, along with the choir and quartet from Ridgecrest Church, and the music evange-



CELEBRATING FAITH — About 6,000 Mississippi Baptists gathered to celebrate their faith and hear the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's production of the musical "God for Us" January 22 in the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

lists who lead in worship, combined for the best conference we have had in several years," Adkins said.

"The people who came and talked to me afterwards said the messages were timely and challenging," he added.

The Saturday afternoon session featured the combined voices of over 100 choirs and the Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra in God for Us at the Mississippi Coliseum.

Smith directed the over 2,500-voice choir and approximately 170-piece orchestra. Graham and Adkins estimated there were as many as 6,000 people involved in the worship experience.

"Only the Lord could have brought all the many diverse elements together in such a limited time with such unity," Smith said. "The video of this great worship experience will only expand and deepen its impact," he added.

The video of the God for Us performance is available for \$20. To order, contact the MBCB Church Music Department at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone (601) 292-3267, or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.

Adkins also reported that there were 15 professions of faith, along with 232 other decisions recorded by tear-off program tabs collected near the end of the service. Many included comments about the experience.

One man from New Albany wrote, "God bless you for this great blessing. I'm so glad to be a part of Mississippi Baptists."

A woman from Canton wrote, "What a great worship experience. Thank you! God is truly for us!"



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS — Visiting together after the January 21 evening session of the 2000 Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference at Ridgecrest Church, Madison, were (from left) Ken Weathersby, director of the Cecil B. Day Center for Church Planting at New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans; Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; evangelist Ken Smith of West Columbia, S.C.; and Clarence Cooper, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Grenada. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

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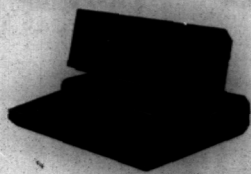
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Making our voices heard

A new governor was recently sworn into office in Mississippi, the first Southern Baptist to hold that position in 20 years.

Mississippi Baptists can be both proud of, and prayerful for, our new leader, but were the voices of Mississippi's 600,000 Baptists heard at election time? Did enough of us show up at the polls to make a difference?

There will be no credible survey conducted to establish whether we made a difference but casual conversation among church mates would indicate we didn't, simply because too many of us were too apathetic to get up, go to the polls, and vote for Christian candidates.

True enough, voting on a weekday means most of us have to make the effort to rise earlier, or take time after an exhausting workday to go by our voting precinct. There just doesn't seem to be enough time to do it all, and something has to go.

Unfortunately, the "something" that usually goes is the few minutes it would take to vote.

Then there are the folks who are disgusted with the rough-and-tumble nature of politics, and still others who don't believe their one vote really counts anyway.

Consider this: In the Mississippi gubernatorial race just completed last fall, neither candidate received a majority of the popular vote. In accordance with the Mississippi Constitution, the state House of Representatives exercised their responsibility to choose the next governor.

They did, and the griping started almost immediately. To the people who took time to vote, you are welcome to your opinion on this matter.

To the people who didn't bother to get involved, your opinion justifiably carries little weight with the rest of us. That is as it should be.

One vote can make a difference. Just ask Pat Harrison, the towering Mississippi political figure who announced in 1937 that

he would be a candidate for majority leader of the U.S. Senate.

When asked by a reporter if he would solicit the vote of his bitter political enemy and fellow Mississippi Senator Theodore G. Bilbo, he stated in no uncertain terms that he would not speak to Bilbo if it meant the presidency of the United States.

Harrison lost the race for Majority Leader — by one vote.

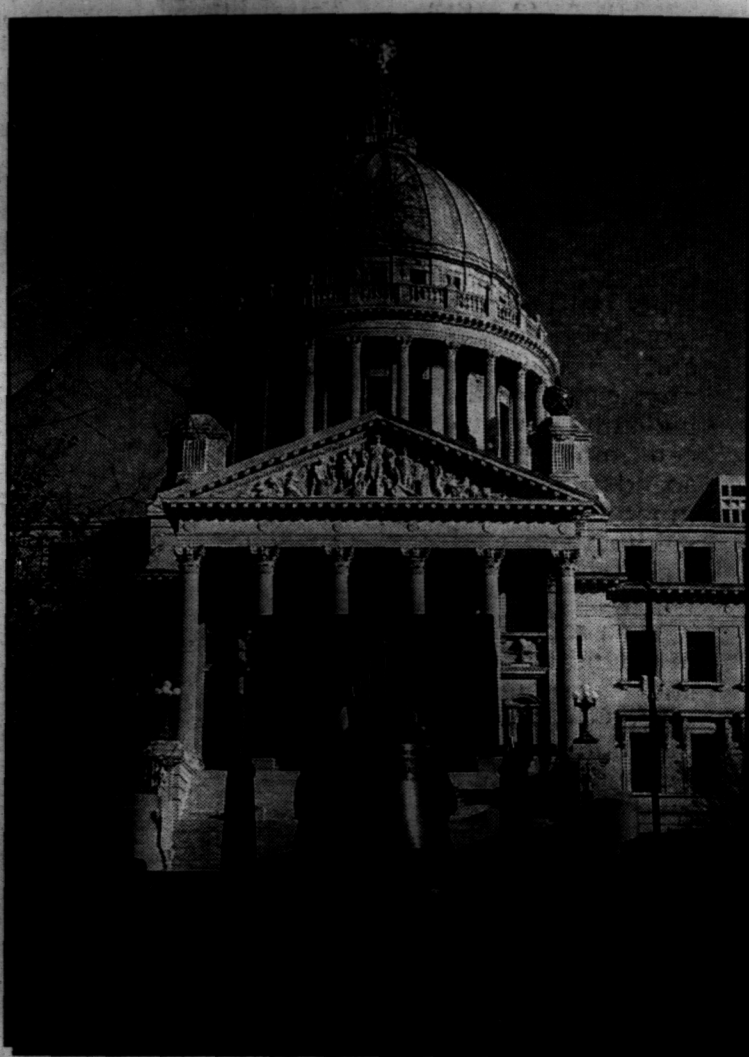
How can you get involved? Well, the place to start may well be the current session of the Mississippi Legislature. Each of us employs one representative and one senator to speak for us in the Legislature.

Of the thousands of bills filed for this legislative session, do you have any idea how many personally affect you, your church, your family, and your livelihood? How many bills would expand the availability of alcohol? How many "sweetheart" bills were filed by legalized gambling's legislative toadies?

As Christians concerned about the future of our state, we'd best be finding out about these and the many more issues that should be of utmost importance to us.

Much time and energy — not to mention taxpayer money — is expended to ensure we can get in touch with our legislators while they are making laws that affect all of us. It's time for Christians to make use of those communication systems.

Get in touch with your legislators and let them know you will be following their votes on the religious, moral, and ethical issues that will be critical in the years to come. Politely explain that your responses to their votes will be filtered through your Christian faith.



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Our Mississippi Gulf Coast is no stranger to very real hurricane threats. When a hurricane nears, anxiety runs high as trained emergency response teams spring into action evacuating people and securing property.

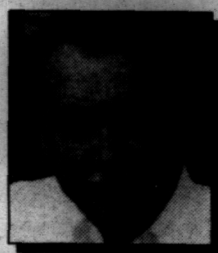
Such precautionary measures are important to ensure minimal loss. In such critical situations, anxiety can actually help save lives by providing a spark of awareness and energy. When carried to an extreme, however, healthy anxiety becomes disabling distress.

A seminary professor once said that any virtue carried to an extreme becomes a vice. While a healthy level of anxiety can save lives, carried to an extreme it gives birth to harmful distress. Only a thin line exists between the two.

As a nine-year-old, my brother was struck by an automobile as he walked at dusk along a narrow city-street. An inexperienced teen driver panicked as she approached the bright lights of an oncoming automobile.

Afraid of crashing into the other car, she swerved onto the shoulder of the road and struck

GUEST OPINION:



Stand firm in Christ

By Perry Sanderford, member
Pine Lake Church, Brandon

my brother. Although fortunate to live, my brother's mangled right arm eventually had to be amputated.

Several years later he ran quickly ahead as we crossed a busy downtown street. As I chuckled at his fast pace he responded, "You've never been run over by a car have you?"

When carried to an extreme, anxiety becomes harmful distress (teen driver). Kept within healthy boundaries it can actually save lives (my brother).

Was the heightened awareness of the Y2K crisis healthy anxiety springing us into heedful preventative action, or merely camouflaged sensationalism?

Was there an inordinate amount of attention given to

the Y2K dilemma by Christians? How much energy and time as spent on Y2K that could have been productively harnessed to evangelize? Should our response have been different from that of the world's?

Scripture certainly says so. God's Word does not paint a picture of frantic, fingernail-biting Christians.

When predicting his betrayal and death Jesus said to the anxious disciples, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

This does not sound like a charge to panic in the presence of danger.

Satan loves nothing more than Christians getting caught up in frantic calls of despair. He knows the world questions our faith when they hear us profess trust in Jesus, yet respond the same as they themselves do in the face of crises.

I think we Christians were hypnotized by Y2K while the very present reality of God's presence was ignored.

The solution is to stand firm in our confidence in Christ — not running from darkness, but actually looking it in the eye without being hypnotized or overwhelmed.

The Y2K crisis gobbled resources and attention for several months. Obviously it was a major crisis for our technologically-driven world, but in Christ's Kingdom crises do not rule — not even the possibility of hunger, loss of shelter, or even death.

We Christians can learn a lesson from the Y2K crisis: Don't stampede with the world.

Sanderford is director and staff counselor at the Crossroads Counseling Center in Brandon, a ministry of Rankin Association.

Doc takes time out for medical missions

CHICAGO (BP) — Few Christian doctors make a personal sacrifice to serve Jesus the way Tina Slusher does. Every year she leaves her job at Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago — where she is assistant professor of pediatrics and attending physician in the pediatric intensive care unit — and spends four to six months meeting spiritual and medical needs in Nigeria.

As a sophomore in medical school, she struggled when God posed a question to her: "Are you willing to give up medicine for me?" Her response was to give up her life.

"I go to Africa to introduce people to the gospel," Slusher says. "I see medical ministry as very, very consistent with the gospel. Many times in the New Testament, Jesus used healing as the door to share the gospel. That's how I see what I do."

A self-described "country bumpkin," Slusher prefers the farm life she knew as a child in Kentucky. That's where her interest in medicine began. "I'd always pull for the runts of the

litters born on our farm. I did all I could to see that they'd live."

year. In return, Slusher agreed to sacrifice six months' pay and to take medical students with her to Africa.

"The trips provide a wonderful chance for the students I teach to be exposed to the gospel," Slusher says, her blue eyes sparkling. "Even though they are from the States — and you think they've heard the gospel — many never really have."

When she is in Nigeria, Slusher spends most of her time — about 18 hours a day — teaching and practicing medicine at Eku Baptist Hospital. She also travels to the Baptist hospital in Ogbomoso. She treks into the bush to give medical care in rural villages.

With Slusher's ministry, there's more going on than meets the eye. She gets even more mileage out of her strategy of using medicine as a vehicle for the gospel.

"One very important thing I do on the mission field is teach local medical doctors at our Baptist hospitals. If they become

better doctors, they'll have a broader witness to Muslims who would otherwise choose a less-qualified or less-trained doctor.

"If Muslims come to the doctors I train, then they'll hear the gospel."

In her daily prayer time, Slusher is on the lookout for God's will for her life. Living just one day at a time, she tries to stay attuned to where God is working in her life — always seeking a better way to serve him.

"I spend a lot of time wondering where God will take me next," she

says. "I wonder if the Lord will change my Africa assignment someday."

Amid the questions, Slusher says God has never let her down — like the time she entered customs at an airport in Nigeria with 22 pieces of checked luggage. Agents inspected only one bag and let her pass.

As for the questions about future ministry, God provided an answer. Slusher left work in Chicago one evening last August, hailed a taxi and told the driver where she was headed. The driver replied in a booming British-inflected African accent. A couple of questions later, the two were exchanging greetings in the cabbie's Nigerian dialect.



MERCY MINISTRY — While physician Tina Slusher (right) examines a baby with tetanus, Jenny Lee eases the child's breathing with a hand-held respirator. Lee, a Southern Baptist from Potomac, Md., is a medical resident studying with Slusher in Chicago. (BP photo by Warren F. Johnson)

Years later, when officials of Rush Hospital approached Slusher with a job offer, she basically designed her own job description, including working in Africa up to six months a

AB starts minister plan

DALLAS (BP) — A new plan aimed at providing a retirement savings option for ministers has been announced by the Annuity Board (AB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. The new product will provide a savings option for income earned by ministers whose income might not have been an eligible source for contributions to a retirement plan.

"Those who will be most impacted by this new product are those who receive ministerial income from self-employment, such as self-employed chaplains, evangelists, and speakers," said project manager Barbara Medlin.

"The Annuity Board recognizes that there are people serving in ministry positions who are ordained as Southern Baptist ministers, but who until now were unable to invest that income in an Annuity Board retirement program," she said. "The Minister's Annuity Plan was designed to provide an additional option in our product line for these ministers."

Medlin said the plan could serve as a supplemental account for those who earn self-employment income from weddings, funerals, and other services. The plan is also available for ministers who are employed by for-profit and some not-for-profit organizations that do not sponsor retirement plans for their employees.

This new opportunity to invest is important to ministers because an account with a church pension board such as the Annuity Board offers many unique tax advantages, such as a non-taxed minister's housing allowance on certain retirement benefits.

"Obviously, we need to educate ministers about who qualifies for this plan," Medlin said. "The requirements are complicated. In many instances, we will need to work with individuals to help them determine whether they qualify."

Interested ministers may contact the Annuity Board customer relations specialists at (800) 262-0511 or access the Internet website at www.absbc.org for more information.

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Looking back

10 years ago

Setting an Easter deadline, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, announces his intention to select his successor as pastor of Southern Baptists' largest church. Pastor search committee co-chairman Richard Clements said he did not take Criswell's implications seriously.

20 years ago

Members of Fort Bayou Church, between Ocean Springs and Vancleave, are in the second verse of Rock of Ages when five armed men burst into the Sanctuary shouting, "Freeze, this is a stick up!" The robbers made off with an estimated \$500 worth of cash and jewelry.

50 years ago

E. D. Elliott, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, announces in a telegram that he will file a lawsuit against the Delta Democrat-Times for slander and defamation of character in misquoting him in an article on the liquor vote. In a full-page ad, the deacons of First Church declared support for their pastor.

GREETINGS — Medical missionary Tina Slusher greets members of First Baptist Church of Abraka, Nigeria. The church is located near the Baptist Medical Center in Eku, Nigeria, where Slusher works several months each year. (BP photo by Warren F. Johnson)

Holmes resigns CAC post

Elizabeth K. Holmes, senior consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission (CAC), has resigned effective Jan. 31 to join the staff of Mississippi Secretary of State Eric Clark.

"I am very grateful to Mississippi Baptists for allowing me to work and serve along with them in the effort to reach people for Christ. It has been a great blessing in my life, and I am thankful to the Lord for the opportunities that have been mine through working here.

"I will thank my God upon every remembrance of you," Holmes said.

Holmes, who worked in the program director's office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for two years prior to joining the CAC staff in 1985, has authored a number of pieces dealing with race, gambling, poverty, child abuse, hunger, rape, and the shepherding program for girls in crisis pregnancies.

She has also served on the boards of a number of institutions that deal with issues such as race relations, alcohol problems, foster care, gifted children, and battered families shelters.

"Beth Holmes' work at CAC has been a ministry in every sense of the term. She has provided us with the leadership and proficiency our state convention has expected of our commission.

"We regret to see her leave, but we believe her influence in state government will be a positive one," said James Walters, CAC board chairman and pastor of Foxworth Church, Foxworth.

Walters requested prayer for CAC and its governing board as they seek to replace not only Holmes but also Paul G. Jones II, who retired in August as CAC executive director.

"Beth Holmes' resignation increases the responsibility we, the trustees, feel in finding the person God would have lead our commission forward," he said.



Holmes

Stone approved for convention board post

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

Steven R. Stone, associate pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was unanimously selected January 20 by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) executive committee to serve as the board's associate executive director for church ministries.

Stone, 50, fills the last of three associate executive director positions that answer directly to MBCB executive director-treasurer Jim Futral. The other associate executive directors are Barri A. Shirley, associate executive director for business services, and David A. Michel, associate executive director for church extension.

All MBCB departments now fall under the supervision of one of the three associate executive directors, while the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission will continue to operate with separate boards of trustees.

Stone has served as associate pastor of Broadmoor Church since 1986. Prior to that, he served as associate pastor and minister of education at North Fort Worth Church in Fort Worth, Texas (1982-86); minister of education and youth at Roseland Park Church, Picayune (1979-82); and minister of recreation and youth at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson (1977-79).

He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1982 by Roseland Park Church, Picayune, and holds a bachelor of arts

degree from Mississippi College in Clinton as well as master of religious education and doctor of ministry degrees, both from New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans.

Stone and his wife Cheryl have two daughters and live in Madison.

In other business, the executive committee unanimously approved distribution of the challenge portion of the record-setting 1999 Mississippi Cooperative Program (CP) budget. The challenge portion consists of CP gifts to the Lord's work that are above the annual budget amount approved each year by messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Messengers to the 1998 Mississippi Baptist Convention approved the 1999 CP budget of \$26,607,890, and also approved a distribution formula for gifts in the challenge portion of the budget.

According to the approved formula, the challenge budget amount of \$1,827,802 will be distributed:

- ◆ 50% to Christian education (\$913,901 to the three Mississippi Baptist colleges — Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain; Mississippi College in Clinton; and William Carey College in Hattiesburg).

- ◆ 30% to international missions (\$500,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for

International Missions; and \$48,341 to the Mississippi/Honduras partnership).

- ◆ 10% to North American missions (\$100,000 to the Mississippi/Boston partnership; \$60,000 to assist Mississippians serving as church planters in the northeast U.S.; and \$22,780 for Impact Northeast touch points).

- ◆ 10% to Mississippi missions (\$80,000 for study and enhancement of Mississippi Baptist communications systems; \$80,000 to broadcast MBCB-produced radio and television spots; and \$22,780 for international touch points located around the state).

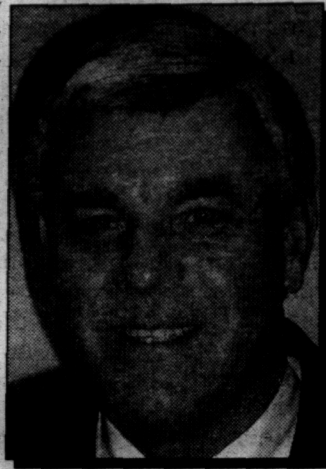
The executive committee welcomed to the convention board Don Womble, pastor of Cliff

Temple Church, Natchez, who will fill the unexpired board term of Dan Robertson, former pastor of First Church, Natchez, who resigned to answer a call to the international mission field.

The executive committee approved an allocation of \$102,600 to assist Faith Church, Lafayette Association, with the purchase of over 11 acres for a church site.

Faith Church is a mission of First Church, Oxford, and is pastored by Gerald Walker.

The committee also approved an extension for the Mississippi Baptist Gambling Task force to utilize nearly \$70,000 in unspent funds to complete their work on anti-gambling publications for all age groups.



Stone

Lee elected seventh executive director of WMU

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) executive board unanimously elected Jan. 22 their

national president Wanda Lee to serve as the seventh executive director of the 111-year-old organization. Lee, 50, national president of the organization since 1996, succeeds Dellanna W. O'Brien,

who retired Sept. 1, 1999, after 10 years at the helm of WMU.

Lee, who currently lives in Columbus, Ga., with her husband Larry, will assume her new position March 1. A new national WMU president will be elected in June during the WMU Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

In making the announcement, the executive board pointed to Lee's exemplary leadership as national WMU president, especially during the interim period following O'Brien's retirement.

As chair of the WMU executive board, the responsibility fell to Lee to assume more leadership of the national headquarters following O'Brien's departure.

"Wanda Lee brings to the position her experience as pres-

ident both at the state level and national level," said Ann Coffman of Sanford, Fla., chair of the search committee. "She has experience as a pastor's wife and an international missionary.

"She also has a heart for missions," added Coffman, noting that Lee has used her nursing skills on several missions trips during her WMU presidency.

"Wanda's vision and leadership will determine the direction of Woman's Missionary Union as it enters the new century," she said.

Lee's involvement with WMU began during her husband's first pastorate at Gilgal Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (1973-79), where she worked with Acteens and Baptist Young Women.

She also held several associational leadership positions during that time, including WMU director.

After moving to Columbus, Ga., she held similar positions during her husband's pastorate at Waldrop Memorial Church (1981-90) and currently serves as Acteens Advisor at First Church, Columbus.

From 1993-96, she served as president of Georgia WMU which made her a member of the national WMU executive board. She served as a member (1994-95) and chair (1995-96) on Fla., were members of the search committee which recommended Lee. Coffman was chair of the committee. (Photo by Teresa Dickens)

tee. She also served on the administration committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention during that time.

Lee and her family served as Southern Baptist missionaries in St. Vincent, Windward Islands, 1979-81.

The family returned to the U.S. due to the asthmatic problems of their youngest child, Matthew.

Currently, Larry Lee is director of pastoral care for the Columbus Regional Health Care System. He is an endorsed chaplain by the North American Mission Board.

Lee spent her formative years in Michigan and south Florida before returning to Russellville, Ala., during her junior year in high school.

She holds a nursing degree from the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing at Samford University in Birmingham.

Since April 1982, Lee has worked as a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Ga.

She has held many administrative duties during that time, including coordinating the annual credentialing process for a team of nurses.



CONGRATULATIONS — Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) president Rebecca Williams (right) of Gautier greets Wanda Lee (middle) and Ann Coffman (left) following Lee's election as the new executive director-treasurer of WMU, SBC. Williams and Coffman of Stanford, Fla., were members of the search committee which recommended Lee. Coffman was chair of the committee. (Photo by Teresa Dickens)

New missionaries reflecting SBC diversity

AUBURN, Ala. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) 36 newest international missionaries reflect the growing influx of ethnics, older individuals, and people of other diverse backgrounds into the Southern Baptist missionary force, which itself is increasing at an accelerating pace.

The group appointed Jan. 10 at Lakeview Church in Auburn, Ala., was more ethnically diverse than usual, including six of Asian background, noted Jim Riddell, who lead the board's missionary mobilization team. Two of the new missionaries were themselves products of missionary work overseas.

"During my college days in Seoul, Korea, Dwayne Petty, a journeyman from the International Mission Board (IMB), led me to Christ," said appointee Young Oak Farmer. "I then became involved in the student ministry with Dwayne and my pastor. Ever since, God has placed a burden in my heart to share the gospel with people on the mission field."

She and her husband, Bob Farmer, a forester, will serve in the Philippines.

Another appointee, who along with her husband will serve in an undisclosed area in The Last Frontier, said, "I attended a special missionary school as a teenager in South Korea. One guest missionary from Bangladesh stirred my heart for the lost. I knew then as I know now, God was calling me to minister in another culture."

Appointee Harris Cook noted that he is

in his 50's — once considered too old to become a missionary — and was fulfilling a call God gave him when he was in seminary more than 25 years ago. The lingering illness and eventual death of his first wife prevented his appointment until now. He and his second wife Jenny married in 1994 and have been ministering in apartment complexes and mobile home communities for the Bessemer (Ala.) Baptist Association.

The Cooks will coordinate the evangelism efforts for a missionary team focusing on more than 5 million urban poor living in Caracas, Venezuela.

The appointment service was held Jan. 10, at Lakeview Church in Auburn in conjunction with an IMB trustee meeting at nearby Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center. The church's 2,000-seat auditorium was so packed that folding chairs had to be brought in for the overflow.

The appointment service came on the heels of an IMB announcement that the 902 missionaries appointed in 1999 continued a seven-year escalating trend. The 36 missionaries appointed in Auburn brought the total number of missionaries worldwide to 4,834.

In his charge to the new missionaries, IMB President Jerry Rankin reflected on the apostle Paul's prayer in Col. 1:9-11 and reminded them that even though they know God intimately, missionaries must continually strive to know him even more deeply.

"God has brought you to this point of entrusting you with a missionary call because you have been discipled and have grown in your walk with him," Rankin said. "But I assure you there is much more to know of God."

Rankin also reminded the new missionaries their success does not depend on their own abilities and skills but on their reliance upon God.

"God has not chosen you because of your own worthiness," he said. "One of the reasons God used Paul so powerfully was due to his humility and sense of unworthiness."

"The key to being worthy to be used of God, wherever you go, is fully depending on him, drawing upon his grace and living a life of purity and holiness in your daily walk."

"Walking worthy of the Lord will come from spending time with him in prayer and feeding on his Word," Rankin said. "It comes from allowing him to fill your life with his Spirit, producing his character, so that your life is such a dynamic witness that it will draw people to you and to Christ."

Rankin also reminded the new missionaries: "We expect you to fulfill that assignment with integrity and to be known as a person of character and to model a Christian work ethic that is unknown where you go."

IMB trustees approve Missionary Learning Center expansion. See story on page ten.

Prayer asked for Fonda's new faith

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (BP) — "We need to pray for Ted and Jane and their marriage," said Ted Baehr, chairman of the Christian Film and Television Commission, in response to rumors that Jane Fonda has become a born-again Christian.

Baehr shared his thoughts on Fonda's reported conversion during an interview with Dan Wooding, widely distributed evangelical freelance writer based in California.

"Actress Jane Fonda and her husband, media mogul Ted Turner, need prayer, not gossip," Baehr said in column by Wooding on Jan. 8.

Media outlets across the country have reported about Fonda's conversion, including The Washington Post, the Associated Press, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The report first appeared on the Internet site, WorldNetDaily.com, in an article by Joseph Farah, whose account featured anonymous sources confirming Fonda's salvation.

Baehr, in Wooding's column, recounted, "A year ago, Ted Turner told his marriage counselor that Jane Fonda was 'trying to make him a saint.'"

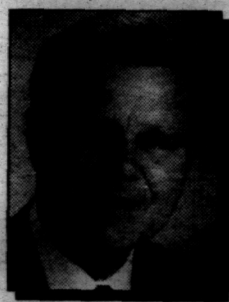
THE POWER OF A LISTENING EAR

It takes a lot of energy to listen. I suppose that's why most of us do so little of it. It's easier to talk than to listen. Usually we think when we are talking we are giving good advice and expressing good ideas and we question whether anything significant is happening when we are just listening. For many of us the truth is we may do a great deal more good by listening than by talking.

I was thinking recently about how wonderful it is that God listens to us. His ear is attuned to our cry and he is always willing to listen to us. Sure, he wants to speak to us and he wants us to hear his Word. He also wants to instruct, guide, and encourage us. How very grateful we ought to be that he listens. Sometimes just listening to someone lifts their burdens, restores their spirit, and renews their zest for life.

I suppose one of the reasons it is so hard to listen is because most of the time we are thinking about all the things, really important things, that we ought to be doing. Yet, there we are doing nothing, we think, but listening.

I was between meetings the other day and I had not eaten. It was now mid-afternoon, so I stopped at a gas station/food mart to pick up a Diet Coke. I walked to the counter, handed the lady my money and said, "How are you doing today?" "I'm doing fine," she said, "a whole lot better than yesterday!" "Oh," I said, and her door of opportunity was opened. She began telling me, "My aunt had to be put in a personal care home about 30



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
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miles from her home and she's not doing well. She's really not happy where she is. Yesterday we went down to spend a couple of hours with her."

I replied, "Well, bless your heart, that's wonderful!" Then she began again, "Well, that's not the end of the story. After we had visited with my aunt we stopped by a fast-food restaurant and ordered, and do you know what? I got food poisoning!"

"Oh my goodness, I hate that," I replied. She continued on saying, "I mean I was so sick last night — that's the fourth time in my life I've had food poisoning! The first time..." then she proceeded to take me back several years telling me where she was, what she ate, and she went on to say, "and I got food poisoning!"

"Oh, my goodness!" I replied. Without hesitating she continued, "The second time..." and she proceeded to tell me about that episode. The third time she related that she had eaten with a friend who warmed up some food she assumed was left over from the day before. "It was only after I got through eating," she said, "that I learned my friend had cooked all that food over two weeks before we ate it. I got food poisoning again!"

Not many people have a carefully documented history of their "food poisoning experi-

ences," but this lady had it down to a science. She presented the cases and tied them all together in a remarkable presentation that would be the envy of any good trial lawyer presenting closing arguments. I kept waiting for someone else to come in the store, giving me an opportunity to get out, but no one arrived. Finally in her summation she said, "I'm feeling better, but I still don't feel good."

"Well, I'm glad that you are OK and I hope your aunt is doing well. I guess the moral is that we just should not eat!" I shouldn't have said that! I opened another door of opportunity — "Nah, it's alright to eat, it's just eating at these fast-food places..." and she started in on a commentary about fast food employees, what they do and do not do to the food during preparation. It was a whole lot more than I ever wanted to know and my ability to stay genuinely focused and listening was being tested to the max! Finally she said, "I sure do appreciate you listening to me. I'm feeling better now." It was as if she had been waiting all day for someone to come through that door and let her unload her story, and I happened to be the "chosen one."

Most of the time my new friend was talking I was "trying" to listen, yet at the same

time I was thinking — "I have got to get moving or I'll be late for my next appointment!" So, with her feeling better and me feeling a little queasy (remember I just learned all about the fast food preparation process, or at least her spin on it), I was able to get on down the road.

Well, let me back up — I simply got out the door! Standing at a gas pump, was a gentleman who did not know how to open the door to his car's gas cap. He approached me and began explaining his dilemma. One small problem existed — he did not speak English! I listened as he explained the problem in Swedish, or some Scandinavian language, and though I did not understand one word he said, I got the message. This man, from another country, who spoke not a word that I could comprehend, got his message across. I walked to his car and on the inside showed him a little button that pulled up to release the door to the gas cap. He was elated, or at least I think that is what he was saying. Though I did not understand one syllable, I did comprehend his warm smile and appreciative spirit.

Now, there was no doubt that I was going to be late for my speaking engagement! Fortunately, I knew what I was going to say and even though I did arrive just a "tad" late — all went well. In the meeting I wondered how many, if anyone, would be helped, encouraged, or blessed by the words I would bring when I reflected back on an older lady who seemed to be helped only because I listened and a man from a far country who I know was blessed because I took the time to listen to words I could not understand.

Gunman's family donates to church

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The family of the gunman who opened fire at Wedgwood Church has donated \$10,000 to the Texas congregation.

The family donated the money, from the sale of property owned by Larry Ashbrook, to provide closure to the terrifying events that transpired on Sept. 15. That was the night Larry Ashbrook went on a bloody rampage at Wedgwood Church during a See You at the Pole youth worship service. Ashbrook killed seven people and wounded seven others before killing himself.

The ceremony was held at the Church of Christ because Aaron Ashbrook could not bring himself to visit the place where his brother had committed the violent crime.

Al Meredith, pastor of Wedgwood Church, was joined by church administrator Mike Holton, the chairman of deacons, and two staff members who were shot in the attack — counselor Kevin Galey and custodian Jeff Laster.

'Tres Dias' events defended by supporters

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — "Tres Dias" is not a secret organization, nor is it a "charismatic" ministry, even though some participants experience "charismatic" manifestations ranging from laughter to healing, according to leaders of Tennessee's Tres Dias movement.

"Tres Dias is not charismatic," said Wilson Burton Jr., of Brentwood, Tenn., a member of Tres Dias' international board. "It is an encounter with the Holy Spirit. The ministry is ecumenical in nature and actively seeks the participation of persons from all Christian denominations."

Burton, who is a member of a Church of Christ congregation, was referring to the North American Mission Board's (NAMB) advisory discouraging Southern Baptist participation on Tres Dias as well as other spiritual renewal weekends. That advisory, reported in a Dec. 29 Baptist Press story on how the Tres Dias movement was causing some concerns in Southern Baptist churches, has generated nationwide response within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Despite Burton's affirmations, the North American Mission Board stands by its words of caution. "We want to reiterate that these weekend retreats often create more problems for a church than they resolve," said Tal Davis of NAMB's interfaith witness team. "There are plenty of Southern Baptist programs that can provide solid discipleship ministries."

Tres Dias is one of several spiritual renewal weekends based originally on the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement. Cursillo is a three-

day learning, sharing experience in Christian community, or a short course in Christianity. The United Methodist Church sponsors two well known Cursillo-type renewal weekends, "Chrysalis" and "The Emmaus Walk."

Davis said over the past 10 years his office has fielded a number of complaints from pastors and laypeople about the spiritual renewal weekends, including Tres Dias.

"In some cases, it almost split churches. Are we supposed to say those churches are overacting? When you see a pattern like that, there needs to be a concern," Davis said.

However, some Southern Baptists strongly support the Tres Dias movement, such as Mike Pennington, a former missionary and currently a director of missions in middle Tennessee.

"I have never felt more affirmed and appreciated as a pastor than I was on my Tres Dias weekend," Pennington said. "Rarely have I ever seen men and women serve others with such enthusiasm, fulfillment, and joy as they do on a [Tres Dias] weekend. They are all encouraged to go and do likewise in their local churches."

Pennington acknowledged there have been moments on the weekend when some participants' charismatic tendencies have made him uncomfortable. Those moments, however, were not a part of corporate worship, he stressed.

"I am still involved in Tres Dias because it touched several of my 'hot buttons,'" he said. "Evangelism, discipleship, servanthood, and the centrality of the local church are all major emphases on Tres Dias weekends."

Both Pennington and Burton stressed that the weekends entail more "serendipity moments" than secret moments.

"There are some wonderful things that happen during the weekend, and to know them in advance would soften the impact," Burton said. "There are no secrets, just gifts of love that add to the joy, depth, and meaning of the weekend."

Unlike the United Methodist Church Cursillo, Tres Dias is interdenominational. Baptist, Lutheran, Church of God, or Catholics, among others, may be represented on any given weekend. Burton said the movement does not preach one theology. "We stress only those things which the Christian denominations have in common and respect those things which are different."

Davis said some of the doctrine used during the renewal weekends differs from Southern Baptists, particularly the issue of charismatic manifestations. "I think we need to uphold the integrity of our own theology," Davis said. "I am a Southern Baptist because I believe in Baptist theology. While I'm not being derogatory towards other denominations, I believe what I believe."

Burton acknowledged that Tres Dias "is not for all church members. The ideal person to sponsor is one who is a potential leader, someone with qualities and/or desire to become a shepherd. Tres Dias is not a quick fix for deeply wounded people. However those who attend may experience release from guilt, past sins, and abuse that frees them to be the leaders God created them to be."

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Earl Kelly, of Jackson, will be the special speaker at Terry Road Church, Jackson, 11 a.m., on Jan. 30. Kelly is Executive Director-Treasurer Emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. A covered dish meal will be served in fellowship hall at noon.

(back row) Susan Brooks and Kenna Tackett, directors.

Parkway Church, Houston, is having a Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Jan. 28-29. Sessions will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Cost of \$20 includes materials, snacks, and lunch on Saturday. Conference leaders will be Ronnie and Beverly Cottingham of Lucedale. Call the church office at (601) 456-2745 to register or for more information.

Women's Conference, "The Fragrance of Friendship," will be held at First Church, Columbia, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., on Feb. 12. Gerry Sisk of Snellville, Ga., will be the speaker. The cost, \$15 until Feb. 1 and \$20 after Feb. 1, includes continen-

tal breakfast and lunch. For more information, call (601) 736-2608.

Parkway Church, Clinton, will host Carol Joy Sparkman and Michael T. Smith, duo pianist, in concert on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (601) 924-9912.

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames will be presented at Crowder Church, Crowder, Jan. 30-Feb. 1. On Sunday, the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call the church office at (662) 326-8339.



GAs of Monument Drive Church, Tupelo

GAs of Monument Drive Church, Tupelo, were recently presented their banners after they performed a skit for the WMU featuring the different things that they had learned. Pictured (front row, from left) are Ashley Kidd, Megan Smith, Tanner Kidd, and Emily Goff;

Michael's Watch

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." - Jude 1:9

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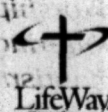
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Matthew 10:27 NAS

January 27, 2000

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Please pray for the Chechen people who are living a very terrible life due to the war going on in their cities and the countryside around them. Pray for an end to the fighting and for help to reach them.

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Christian Action Commission Sunday (Christian Action Commission Emphasis). Pray for the work of the Christian Action Commission as it calls our attention to social situations in our state and nation.

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For Baptist Doctrine Study Previews; Gulfshore Assembly (Discipleship & Family Ministry) (2) Pray for Bill Howse, III, in Brentwood, TN, who is a national missionary working with criminal justice ministries.

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For (1) the Baptist Building Staff Planning Week. (2) pray for the many families who lost their homes and loved ones throughout Caracas, Venezuela, due to the floods and mudslides in December. Pray that through this disaster, God will bring salvation and hope to those who do not know Him.

For (1) Baptist Doctrine Study Preview, Camp Garaywa (Discipleship & Family Ministry), (2) Pray for "Village A," a Chinese fishing village of 10,000 people with no gospel ministry in their own dialect. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften their hearts for that coming message.

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Missionaries serving on the Asheninca Team ask us to pray for the Asheninca leaders who are surfacing in the three different areas of Peru. There are five in Apurucayali, one in Pichis and one in Yurua.

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Pray for the leadership of the Cambodia Baptist Women who travel extensively throughout the country to meet physical needs in the lives of widows, single mothers, handicapped persons, orphans, and the destitute.

Missionary Danette Thrust has a deep burden for the Hakka people in Mei Nung, Taiwan. She prays that God will be patient and have mercy...that He would look at the emptiness and pain of their hearts and have compassion. Let us pray with her for the one million Hakkas who need Jesus.

For (1) Baptist Doctrine Study Preview, Central Hills Retreat (Discipleship & Family Ministry), (2) Church Business Administrators Conference, FBC, Madison (Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries).

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God has called out a national pastor for the new "preaching point" in the Kibanoni area of Ifakara, Tanzania. Pray for protection, guidance, and the power of the Holy Spirit for this pastor and this young congregation.

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For (1) Area Keyboard Festivals; FBC, Vicksburg/FBC, Hattiesburg/FBC, Biloxi/Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian (Church Music), (2) State BSU Retreat, Camp Garaywa (Collegiate Ministry) (3) African American Church Leadership Institute, Delta Ministries, Indianola (Strategic Initiatives Dept.)

For (1) Area Keyboard Festivals: Trinity BC, Southaven/FBC, Cleveland/Alta Woods BC, Jackson (Church Music), (2) Praise the Lord for several teams of University students who spent a fruitful Christmas in China. One young lady said, "I was able to share about my Christian beliefs in every conversation that I had."

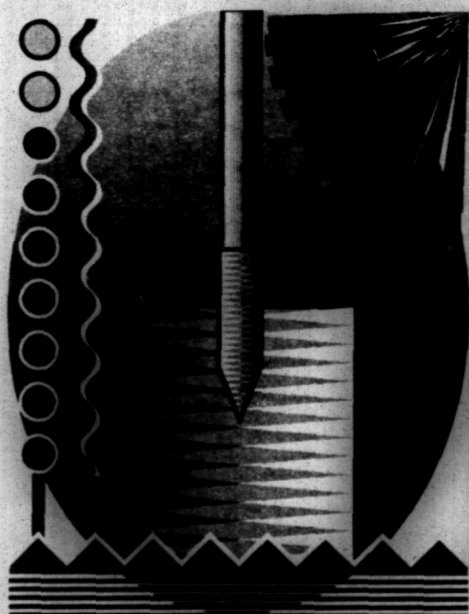
For (1) Youth Bible Study Forum, Ridgecrest BC, Madison (Sunday School) (2) Tommy Thomas is the associational missionary in River Valley Baptist Association, Kingman, AZ. He requests prayer for Meadview Baptist Church, a new church, which is struggling. Pray for Tommy as he works with the churches and pastors there.

Missionaries Scott and Debbie Smith minister among Hong Kong's 2.3 million "grassroots people" living in 1,111 high-rise buildings. Ask the Lord to call out teams to go to HK to walk and pray for these people in government housing projects.

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CALHOUN			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	1015.00	1015.00
ANTIOCH	1748.63	1484.11	3232.74
BANNER	6747.88	6910.37	13658.25
BENTLEY	.00	50.00	50.00
BETHANY	11710.00	22129.19	33839.19
BIG CREEK	20696.96	18579.81	39276.77
BIRCH CREEK CHAPEL	3373.31	663.11	4036.42
CALVARY	2766.52	308.53	3075.05
COLLEGE HILL	802.24	50.00	852.24
CONCORD	5834.10	9129.57	14963.67
DERMA	37269.30	20273.68	57542.98
DRIVERS FLAT	300.00	164.00	464.00
ELIZABETH HILL	1745.00	83.00	1828.00
ELIARD	753.85	1539.85	2293.70
FBC BRUCE	95259.18	25046.18	120305.36
FBC CALHOUN CITY	60045.12	36770.73	96815.85
FBC VARDAMAN	29217.31	11865.40	41082.71
LANTIRP	200.00	600.00	800.00
MACEDONIA	2539.80	2100.58	4640.38
MIDWAY	17202.08	1472.08	18674.16
MT COMFORT	3422.37	1719.73	5142.10
MT MORIAH	17044.38	9439.22	26483.60
MT TABOR	300.00	300.00	600.00
NEW HOPE	2134.57	2067.82	4202.37
NEW LIBERTY	2889.98	3847.22	6737.20
NEW PROVIDENCE	1915.82	5629.04	7544.86
OAK GROVE	487.00	343.00	830.00
OLDTOWN	8179.52	7723.88	15903.40
PARKER	2643.66	779.77	3423.43
PIELGRIMS REST	350.63	350.63	701.26
PITTSBORO	6809.38	5691.32	12500.70

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
PLEASANT GROVE	712.78	609.58	1322.36
PLEASANT HILL	8155.20	6749.58	14904.78
PLEASANT RIDGE	3829.92	4808.28	8638.20
POPLAR SPRINGS	593.05	992.85	1585.94
ROCKY BRANCH	1081.37	2412.24	3493.61
ROCKY MOUNT	689.00	222.00	911.00
SABOUGA	8844.69	5548.93	14393.62
SARPEA	956.43	2125.65	3082.08
SECOND CALHOUN	1230.00	2070.00	3300.00
SHILOH	1195.01	12350.22	13545.23
SPRING HILL	2774.91	3170.89	5945.80
TURKEY CREEK	96.00	447.12	543.12
WESTSIDE	2436.63	1233.33	3669.96
TOTAL	325423.94	246825.47	572249.41
CARROLL			
BLACK HAWK	1433.54	2023.13	3456.67
CALVARY	1651.74	2930.42	4582.16
CARROLLTON	53215.03	20047.19	73262.22
CENTERVILLE	1278.19	483.41	1761.60
HARMONY	900.00	1350.00	2250.00
HICKORY GROVE	657.26	657.26	1314.52
HIVVIEW	600.00	1000.00	1600.00
LIBERTY	5447.08	6261.26	11708.34
MALMAISON	4878.00	1949.00	6827.00
MCCARTER	2085.50	1127.50	3213.00
MT OLIVE	15355.98	11414.37	26770.35
MT PISGAH	7713.13	4115.16	11828.29
NEW BETHEL	1918.02	3114.82	5032.84
NORTH CARROLLTON	13794.37	13525.40	27319.77
PROVIDENCE	5690.71	4543.80	10234.51
SHILOH	1625.00	1073.00	2698.00
VAIDEN	18027.25	24537.20	42564.45
VALLEY HILL	1121.23	1688.63	2809.86
TOTAL	137390.86	101841.55	239232.41
CHICKASAW			
AMITY	1565.80	1829.00	3394.80
ARBOR GROVE	5683.42	1914.52	7597.94
BETHEL	5631.59	2001.27	7632.86
CARNATION	1460.66	19.00	1679.66
COY	.00	100.00	100.00
FBC HOUKA	16536.25	5576.87	22113.12
FBC HOUSTON	138795.60	6425.00	145220.60
FBC OKOLONA	31714.40	8000.00	39714.40
FBC WOODLAND	3273.28	731.60	4004.88
FELLOWSHIP	.00	304.00	304.00
FRIENDSHIP	.00	100.00	100.00
MT OLIVE	1053.38	977.00	2030.38
NEW PROSPECT	4880.00	295.00	5175.00
PARKWAY	16617.44	5506.99	22124.43
PLEASANT GROVE	2130.77	3403.40	5534.17
PLEASANT RIDGE	1350.00	320.00	1670.00
SHILOH	3920.23	5533.03	9453.26
VAN VLEET	1210.00	1210.00	2420.00
TOTAL	231522.82	43699.68	275222.50
CHOCTAW			
ACKERMAN	28616.08	16641.02	45257.10
BETHLEHEM	600.00	520.00	1120.00
BUFF SPRINGS	600.00	600.00	1200.00
BUCKLEY CREEK	595.00	595.00	1190.00
CHESTER	17570.19	9359.87	26930.06
CONCORD	2324.95	2663.05	4988.00
CRANE CREEK	125.00	250.00	375.00
CROSS ROADS	844.73	523.35	1368.08
FELLOWSHIP	7050.52	6376.71	13427.23
FRIENDSHIP	1220.00	1220.00	2440.00
FRENCH CAMP	4370.70	7092.52	11463.22
HOPEWELL	1036.00	.00	1036.00
MT MORIAH	2738.84	887.85	3626.69
MT PISGAH	3121.68	9571.80	12693.48
NEW HAVEN	2443.91	2421.17	4865.08
NEW ZION	2888.87	1808.05	4696.92
PROVIDENCE	500.00	500.00	1000.00
VICTORY	3557.06	1567.10	5124.16
WEIR	12582.25	13137.81	25720.06
TOTAL	97485.78	80325.84	177811.62
CLARK			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	200.00	200.00
ANTIOCH	1025.16	685.99	1711.15
BUCATUNNA	1848.33	447.00	2295.33
CALVARY	1829.00	1899.15	3728.15
CENTER RIDGE	300.00	805.22	1105.22
DE SOTO	8130.00	5184.65	13314.65
EAST PLEASANT GROVE	300.00	823.00	1123.00
ELIZABETH	1048.46	1048.46	2096.92
ENTERPRISE	29335.06	20103.75	49438.81
FBC OUITMAN	67099.15	64438.39	131537.54

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
COLLEGE HILL HEIGHTS	7136.34	7375.16	14511.50
DELAWARE	1889.00	2049.00	3938.00
DENMARK	342.67	49.07	391.74
FBC ABBEVILLE	16560.61	20242.67	36803.28
FBC OXFORD	107169.04	54496.54	161665.58
HARMON TOWN	30792.62	9904.76	40697.38
NEW BETHLE	3806.78	5187.15	8993.93
NEW HOPE	839.25	959.13	1798.38
NEW PROSPECT	30769.17	2241.40	33010.57
NORTH OXFORD	115347.72	38241.72	153589.44
OLD UNION	200.00	470.00	670.00
PARIS	720.00	381.59	390.59
PHILADELPHIA	3031.00	10354.00	13385.00
SHILOH	12088.24	7526.00	19614.24
TAYLOR	3113.12	1599.24	4712.36
TRINITY HEIGHTS	2745.34	1217.20	3962.54
TRINITY	240.00	60.00	300.00
TULA	2264.45	2775.81	5040.26
UNION WEST	4968.00	12412.45	17380.45
YELLOW LEAF	13486.51	28141.32	41627.83
TOTAL	416312.49	240927.79	657240.28
LAMAR			
ASSOCIATION	.00	200.00	200.00
AUTUMN RIDGE	550.00	628.00	1178.00
BAXTERVILLE	3173.69	1035.00	4208.69
BELLEVUE	16412.31	5071.26	21483.57
CALVARY	12000.00	14258.00	26258.00
COAL TOWN	1139.20	110.00	1249.20
CORINTH	4383.00	4927.23	9310.23
FBC LUMBERTON	11275.20	11401.68	22676.88
FBC OLOH	21864.20	5412.21	27276.41
FBC PURVIS	91250.65	18799.60	110050.25
FBC SUMMIT	48545.49	29676.02	78221.51
GOOD HOPE	2631.36	659.28	3290.64
GREENVIEW	2121.94	160.00	2281.94
HICKORY GROVE	5552.36	1439.40	6991.76
IMMANUEL	35682.76	19957.31	55640.07
MILITARY	2100.00	2229.70	4329.70
OKAHOA	7079.99	10109.56	17189.55
ORANGE	10826.87	3850.77	14677.64
RICHBURG	2194.92	1219.02	3413.94
TRINITY	5538.27	3694.59	9232.86
TOTAL	289441.98	143799.64	433241.62
LAUDERDALE			
ARIVADOLPHIA	10389.58	4617.40	15006.98
BARWOOD	615.00	1035.00	1650.00
BAILEY	.00	907.50	907.50
BETHANY	15689.21	7151.21	22840.42
BRIARWOOD	6667.00	1167.50	7834.50
CALVARY	9000.00	12272.08	21272.08
CARMEL	5710.17	3510.86	9221.03
CARROLLVILLE	18806.40	2569.40	21375.80
CENTER GROVE	3911.50	2883.51	6795.01
CENTRAL	32703.72	20078.75	52782.47
EIGHTH AVENUE	5468.74	6788.16	12256.90
FBC COLLINSVILLE	86018.66	34275.21	120293.87
FBC LAUDERDALE	18174.76	8971.25	27146.01
FBC MARION	18999.45	7913.61	26913.06
FBC MERIDIAN	89490.42	64125.27	153615.69
FELLOWSHIP	19123.02	7748.14	26871.16
FIFTEENTH AVENUE	66219.52	33818.01	100037.53
GOODWATER	2345.88	1135.00	3480.88
HEBRON	28856.04	25923.06	54779.10
HICKORY GROVE	260.00	923.00	1183.00
HIGHLAND	13923.21	2094.82	16018.03
LIBERTY	13754.55	20794.45	34549.00
LONG CREEK	2002.00	1005.00	3007.00
MACEDONIA	10232.81	7367.94	17600.75
MEEHAN	290.06	349.03	639.09
MIDWAY	99094.28	34203.30	133297.58
MT CLEAVE	8192.57	6732.39	14924.96
MT HOREB	5972.22	6117.13	12089.35
MT OLIVE	3660.00	3724.06	7384.06
MT VERNON	9198.62	14310.60	23509.22
MT VIEW	1243.27	739.29	1982.56
NEW HOPE	32151.55	20025.27	52176.82
NORTH CREST	83576.81	33573.62	117150.43
NORTHEAST	43000.12	2081.88	45082.00
OAK GROVE	15581.47	17144.24	32725.71
OAKLAND HEIGHTS	22734.07	12393.25	35127.32
PINE FOREST	4313.00	7392.70	11705.70
POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE	102160.19	70933.48	173093.67
RUSSELL	20516.00	4056.00	24572.00
SALIM	200.00	2048.58	2248.58
STATE BOULEVARD	61623.32	30328.20	91951.52
TOOMSUBA	7858.70	5103.84	12962.54
TRINITY	1009.73	1810.24	2819.97
WESTWOOD	37665.29	19660.16	57325.45
TOTAL	1126746.91	670306.99	1797053.90
LAWRENCE			
ANTIOCH	1665.00	3840.50	5505.50
ARM	5313.30	2978.08	8291.38
BETHLE	26484.55	9670.10	36154.65
CALVARY	15339.00	1239.20	16578.20
CARMEL	9073.89	2972.00	12045.89
CROOKED CREEK	4969.11	1188.77	6157.88
FAITH	1899.00	1587.00	3486.00
HEPZIBAH	2321.23	2824.00	5145.23
JAYESS	3185.63	1998.62	5184.25
MONTICELLO	63795.77	4594.12	68389.89
NEW HEBRON	59896.69	1791.28	61687.97
NEW HOPE	10489.56	12397.93	22887.49
NEW ZION	6722.24	2169.87	8892.11
NOLA	748.00	749.00	1497.00
OAKVALE	6938.69	5005.62	11944.31
OLD SILVER CREEK	6293.72	1543.73	7837.45
PROVIDENCE	10908.90	6185.25	17094.15
SALUS VALLEY	1551.20	4320.49	5871.69
SALOM	1867.84	2166.96	4034.80
SHILOH	35862.72	10377.00	46239.72
TOPEKA	4899.20	258.29	5157.49
WALLA	3329.72	274.53	3604.25
TOTAL	286925.76	147694.24	434620.00
LEAKE			
ASSOCIATION	.00	627.00	627.00
BETHLE	600.00	1200.00	1800.00
CEDAR GROVE	696.96	1394.03	2090.99
CONWAY	530.00	530.00	1060.00
CORINTH	7584.94	17787.79	25372.73
EMMANUEL	2136.64	2838.69	4975.33
FBC CARTHAGE	25622.57	10366.22	35988.79
FRENNY	4334.73	5059.73	9394.46
GOOD HOPE	2803.51	1040.00	3843.51
LENA	7803.26	7052.26	14855.52
MADDEN	9769.00	628.00	10397.00
MCDONALD	813.34	557.96	1371.30
MIDWAY	1452.32	534.72	1987.04
MT CARMEL	953.37	1710.00	2663.37
MT ZION	4339.41	3683.36	8022.77
NEW HOPE	1533.43	2338.43	3871.86
NEW PROVIDENCE	1175.00	712.59	1887.59
NEW ZION	506.41	1219.00	1725.41
PEARL HILL	1500.00	1020.00	2520.00
PLEASANT HILL	3372.12	5422.30	8794.42
RENUIS	250.00	1240.00	1490.00
RENFREW	400.00	1395.00	1795.00
NORTH POINT	4049.10	589.82	4638.92
SALEM	2207.46	1093.00	3300.46
SPRINGFIELD	1236.46	2465.59	3702.05
STANDING PINE	1607.91	2053.24	3661.15
SUNRISE	3498.00	9932.40	13430.40
THOMASTOWN	4376.13	2786.22	7162.35
TRINITY	1236.07	1104.33	2340.40
TUSCULA	3502.69	3502.69	7005.38
WALNUT GROVE	10481.38	10099.01	20580.39
WEST CATHAGE	2081.62	2354.70	4436.32
WIGGINS	1197.30	1280.30	2477.60
TOTAL	123245.93	126231.44	249477.37
LEBANON			
ASSOCIATION	.00	500.00	500.00
BEACON	3657.45	2736.25	6393.70
CALVARY	20698.00	5236.50	25934.50
CARTERSVILLE	67317.37	25804.03	93121.40
CRESTVIEW	4080.00	2487.61	6567.61
CROSSROADS	209.00	168.00	377.00
DIXIE	29123.47	26201.51	55324.98
EASTABUCHIE	2224.34	2162.21	4386.55
FBC BROOKLYN	10604.04	6484.55	17088.59
FBC CARNES	3307.00	2665.00	5972.00
FBC GLENDALE	29832.84	18996.71	48829.55
FBC HATTIESBURG	196740.65	95109.23	291849.88
FBC MC LAURIN	734.71	5123.94	5858.65
FBC PINE	25978.66	14027.82	40006.48
GREENS CREEK	10829.70	4617.95	15447.65
LYNN RAY ROAD	13085.59	1150.00	14235.59
LYNN RAY ROAD	2133.16	4393.49	6526.65
MACEDONIA	46590.21	8502.87	55093.08
MAIN STREET	8586.21	4536.34	13122.55
MAYBANK	9460.94	3873.09	13334.03
MT OLIVE MISSIONARY	975.00	.00	975.00
NEW HOPE	941.37	.00	941.37
NEW TESTAMENT	83.00	.00	83.00
NINETEENTH AVENUE	9126.75	4714.04	13840.79
NORTH 31ST AVENUE	90.00	85.00	175.00
PETAL HARVEY	7823.92	30466.06	108689.98
PINEVIEW	15447.21	6050.26	21497.47
PROVIDENCE	39165.00	38506.53	77671.53
RAWLS SPRINGS	23973.32	10962.18	34935.50
RIDGECREST	2038.59	2102.69	4141.28
SOUTH 28TH AVENUE	3304.59	2998.28	6302.87

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
SUNRISE	14967.00	6941.30	21908.30
TEMPLE HATTIESBURG	209059.27	98103.67	307162.94
TEMPLE PETAL	2340.54	500.00	2840.54
THIRTY EIGHTH AVE	29408.86	20444.92	49853.78
TRINITY	2644.86	965.02	3609.88
UNIVERSITY	1136.10	22044.30	23180.40
WEST POINT	60.00	.00	60.00
TOTAL	1002263.72	522934.21	1525197.93
LEE			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	1414.90	1414.90
AUBURN	28398.59	7014.00	35412.59
BELDEN	36387.75	15291.19	51678.94
BETHANY	100.00	700.00	800.00
BIRMINGHAM	2000.00	.00	2000.00
BISSELL	6527.77	2388.00	8915.77
BREWER	16497.49	6250.61	22748.10
CALVARY	330307.45	164150.48	494457.93
CAMP CREEK	14349.85	3691.66	18041.51
CHESTERVILLE	7758.49	10932.95	18691.44
DOTY CHAPEL	4857.21	5560.92	10418.13
EAST HEIGHTS	87128.79	28729.10	115857.89
EAST MT ZION	5475.82	5226.32	10702.14
EUCALITUBA	4629.58	.00	4629.58
FBC BALDWIN	85159.75	18211.13	103370.88
FBC GUNTOWN	5084.82	564.98	5649.80
FBC NETTLETON	19150.60	3925.00	23075.60
FBC PLANTERSVILLE	20934.00	12989.75	33923.75
FBC SALTILLO	56530.85	14641.47	71172.32
FBC SHANNON	14677.88	5058.70	19736.58
FBC TUPELO	152290.31	67596.77	219947.08
FBC VERONA	49395.17	29150.84	78546.01
GRACE MEMORIAL	825.00	2254.40	3079.40
HARRISBURG	264657.25	50251.44	314908.69
KOINONIA	298.00	703.80	1001.80
LIMESTONE	1892.32	4634.68	6527.00
MACEDONIA	9376.05	4819.00	14195.05
MONUMENT DRIVE	3851.50	6639.07	10490.57
MT SINAI	200.00	750.00	950.00
MT VERNON	2859.60	3615.73	6475.33
NEW HOPE	11983.94	6961.00	18944.94
OLD UNION	14638.74	4471.09	19109.83
OPEN DOOR	1920.45	.00	1920.45
PALESTINE	525.00	525.00	1050.00
PALMETTO	4263.58	837.05	5100.63
PARKSIDE	150.00	150.00	300.00
PARKWAY	30975.50	14094.65	45070.15
PLEASANT GROVE	387.05	2616.26	3003.31
PRICEVILLE	9680.16	5778.03	15458.19
RICHEMOND	5636.71	3042.03	8678.74
SHERMAN	13528.05	9165.48	22693.53
UNION	300.00	200.00	500.00
UNION CHAPEL	3225.00	795.00	4020.00
WEST JACOB STREET	886.78	13540.22	10219.02
TOTAL	1417484.87	539392.70	1956877.57
LEFLORE			
CALVARY	15360.30	7335.66	22695.96
CHRIST	9227.92	4868.02	14095.94
FBC GREENWOOD	58100.52	26502.34	84602.86
FBC ITTA BENA	13099.08	8643.29	21742.37
FBC MINTER CITY	989.00	460.00	1449.00
IMMANUEL	18191.55	6861.10	25052.65
MORGAN CITY	3559.50	390.00	6500.00
MT VERNON	71.36	1541.33	1612.69
NORTH GREENWOOD	60619.48	36598.59	97218.07
PHILLIPSTON	1350.55	.00	1350.55
RIVERSIDE	.00	1400.00	1400.00
SCHLATER	1800.00	3873.00	5673.00
SIDON	600.00	1100.00	1700.00
TOTAL	182969.26	102127.73	285096.99
LINCOLN			
ARLINGTON	11869.58	6407.72	18277.30
BETHEL	5356.90	1920.87	7277.77
BOGUE CHITTO	15114.28	6560.60	21674.88
BROOKWAY	907.97	75.00	982.97
CALVARY	14457.00	6638.60	21095.60
CENTRAL	33535.62	19581.61	53117.23
CLEAR BRANCH	6490.00	4941.00	11431.00
EAST LINCOLN	249.00	325.00	574.00
EASTHAVEN	86867.61	33253.21	120120.82
FARM RIVER	2259.99	2137.50	4397.49
FBC BROOKHAVEN	166435.62	310837.64	477273.26
FRIENDSHIP	18838.00	11363.05	30201.05
GUM GROVE	15351.03	11621.16	26972.21
HARMONY	1212.28	1462.27	2674.55
HEUCKS RETREAT	11451.00	17374.45	28825.45
HOLLY SPRINGS	240.00	330.00	570.00
LUCE BAHALA	382.44	508.77	891.21
MACEDONIA	46208.40	24811.87	71020.27
MISSION HILL	2961.53	3360.00	6321.53
MOAKS CREEK	12056.64	11892.61	23949.25
MONTGOMERY	7955.98	7620.74	15576.72
MT MORIAH	10489.03	21499.22	31988.25
MT SINAI	8563.29	4248.77	12812.06
MT ZION	18496.73	11486.41	29983.14
NEW PROSPECT	31350.94	11804.90	43155.84
NEW LIGHT	2037.72	2025.00	4062.72
PEARLHAVEN	3161.81	7143.86	10305.67
PHILADELPHIA	9046.23	3265.46	12311.69
PLEASANT GROVE	1731.00	1980.00	3711.00
SHADY HILL	142620.94	13086.65	27707.59
RUTH	2557.14	2896.09	5453.23
SPLENTY GROVE	8000.04	4029.13	12029.17
SOUTHWAY	6504.02	7585.99	14090.01
TOMPAW	5075.83	3623.70	8699.53
UNION	7663.56	6266.11	13929.67
UNION HALL	7100.00	1374.50	8474.50
WELLMAN	11726.41	5661.56	16387.97
TOTAL	658641.76	636967.87	1295609.63
MARION			
ANTHONY	811.60	.00	811.60
BEECHER HILL	49231.16	18257.74	67488.90
CALVARY	7625.33	4531.03	12206.36
CEDAR GROVE	12701.32	7750.24	20451.56
CLEAR CREEK	782.00	467.00	1249.00
EAST COLUMBIA	10298.97	3452.92	13751.89
EDNA	5581.54	4958.44	10539.98
ELIZABETH	1731.00	1980.00	3711.00
FBC COLUMBIA	150326.41	64687.61	215014.02
FOXWORTH	22853.07	7625.54	30478.61
GROSS	12021.59	3576.15	13797.74
HOLLY SPRINGS	4299.64	2562.52	6862.16
HURRICANE CREEK	5664.67	12536.15	18200.82
IMPROVE	30979.62	135.85	44033.47
KOKOMO	5671.01	3329.11	9000.12
NEW HOPE	30461.95	17082.72	47544.17
NORTH COLUMBIA	53718.43	14972.82	68691.25
PINE BURR	1983.62	1304.50	3288.12
SANDY HOOK	10529.38	9131.00	19660.38
SHILOH	4468.21	2978.77	7446.98
SPRING COTTAGE	36.00	5745.00	5781.00
WHITE BLUFF	755.00	.00	755.00
TOTAL	430316.58	204793.71	635110.29
MARSHALL			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	175.00	175.00
BETHOON FIRST	7144.82	9322.65	16467.47
BETHANY	1650.00	3627.30	5277.30
CALVARY	4073.00	2711.00	6784.00
CAREY CHAPEL	11060.94	11166.50	22227.44
CAYCE	1876.45	1804.19	3680.64
CLEAR CREEK	1350.00	2527.25	3877.25
CLAYTON	5467.01	2890.46	8357.47
FBC BETHANY	20310.36	12828.13	33138.49
FBC HOLLY SPRINGS	67600.00	35711.42	103311.42
FBC MT PLEASANT	2504.24	4285.44	6789.68
FBC POTTS CAMP	15411.42	9090.98	24502.40
FIRST SOU VICTORIA	1026.86	481.04	1507.90
MT MORIAH	1158.84	2147.00	3305.84
MT ZION BANKS	11451.57	11616.65	23074.12
SALEM	8773.51	22595.56	31369.07
SLAYDEN	18666.66	21896.64	40563.30
SPRING HILL	4682.85	8497.95	13180.80
VICTORIA HEIGHTS	3522.08	4571.17	8093.25
TOTAL	186811.51	167952.33	354763.84
METRO			
ALTA WOODS	114323.00	92793.36	207116.36
BETHESDA	1735.15	5714.34	7449.49
BEULAH MEMORIAL	3302.49	9364.48	12666.97
BOLTON	2289.30	4276.37	6565.67
BIRRDWOOD DRIVE	1141.00	141.00	1282.00
BROADMOOR	243273.05	159202.24	402475.29
BYRAM	876.95	941.34	1818.29
CALVARY CANTON	350.00	1603.00	1253.00
CALVARY JACKSON	33777.80	23648.89	57426.69
CENTER TERRACE	12651.19	8618.70	21269.89
CHERRY HILL	575.09	4307.93	4883.02
CHRIST TABERNACLE	.00	100.00	100.00
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	312116.00	119875.00	431991.00
COUNTRY WOODS	50969.93	23215.89	74185.82
DAMASCUS	1771.87	557.25	2329.12
DANIEL MEMORIAL	35608.94	10912.06	46521.00
DEER ROAD	4124.81	4124.81	8249.62
EDWARDS	6500.00	2485.00	8985.00
FAITHFUL	8847.54	5508.95	14356.49
FARMHAVEN	1000.00	2913.00	3913.00
FBC BYRAM	24483.12	18582.40	43065.52
FBC CANTON	54660.09	41986.17	96646.26
FBC CLINTON	248681.83	12874.21	261556.04
FBC FLORA	36671.00	13859.49	49530.49
FBC JACKSON	690709.04	410637.34	1101346.38

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL		COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
NOXUBEE				CRESTWOOD				CONCORD				COUNTY LINE			
BROOKSVILLE 10743.00	9220.05	19963.05	EAST BOONEVILLE 51205.68	3345.33	6598.92	CONCORT 3289.99	2005.60	5295.59	COUNTY LINE 1652.70	2159.70	3812.40	COYT 1252.00	738.00	1990.00	
CALVARY MACON 1200.00	1500.00	2700.00	EAST MARIETTA 2308.69	2408.69	4717.38	CORINTH 975.00	0.00	975.00	CROSSROAD 820.47	905.08	1725.55	ERET 362.00	362.00	724.00	
CONCORD 1100.00	1850.00	2950.00	EAST PLEASANT RIDGE 2124.08	2475.17	4599.25	EASTSIDE 0.00	200.00	200.00	ELCUTTA 1197.50	1500.00	2697.50	EVERGREEN 5081.33	4307.47	9388.80	
ELON 7817.86	7552.00	15369.86	EAST PRENTISS 5658.00	3415.10	9073.70	FBC MIZE 7704.45	6890.86	14595.31	FBC BUCKATUNNA 5581.01	7349.87	12930.88	FBC CHICORA 6547.06	7579.50	14126.56	
FBC MACON 27607.94	16154.07	43762.01	FAIRVIEW 24641.1	4106.78	6570.89	FBC POLKVILLE 7687.02	4197.29	11884.31	FBC CLARA 25707.13	9495.50	35202.63	FBC STATE LINE 12123.75	9160.13	21283.88	
MASHULAVILLE 3385.08	5789.31	9174.39	FBC BOONEVILLE 618989.0	68761.50	130660.49	FBC RALEIGH 36136.77	27629.12	63765.89	FBC TRINITY 16307.21	16307.21	32614.42	FBC WAYNESBORO 109142.31	34795.41	143937.72	
MASHULAVILLE 3385.08	5789.31	9174.39	FBC JUMP TOWN 11326.8	180.00	1312.68	FBC TAYLORSVILLE 24999.96	19357.52	44357.48	HIWANNEE 400.00	200.00	600.00	LIBERTY 17200.65	3202.75	20403.40	
SHILOH 3000.00	6815.00	9815.00	FBC FOREST HILL 15720.00	354.00	1926.00	FELLOWSHIP 2808.34	4602.19	7410.53	MT ZION 4877.77	6855.95	11733.72	PLEASANT GROVE 23657.52	6007.92	29665.44	
VERNON 771.48	250.00	1021.48	HILL'S CHAPEL 4604.4	2687.88	7292.28	GOODWATER 647.00	686.00	1333.00	RIVERSIDE 12405.40	3025.79	15431.19	WATER OAK 3260.82	793.25	4054.07	
WEST SIDE 600.00	602.49	1202.49	INGRAM 52674.5	5554.84	10822.29	HARMONY 1614.17	361.00	1975.17	WEST SHADY GROVE 7603.01	7166.28	14769.29	ZION REST 2832.86	1214.06	4046.92	
TOTAL	56225.36	48382.92	104608.28	TOTAL	204353.28	202997.79	407351.07	TOTAL	313378.33	144264.90	457643.23				
PANOLA				RANKIN				TISHOMINGO				WEBSTER			
CALVARY 30136.27	20917.16	51053.43	*ASSOCIATION 0.00	250.00	250.00	ASSOCIATION 2143.67	50.00	2193.67	ASSOCIATION 0.00	126.00	126.00	BLUFF SPRINGS 0.00	200.00	200.00	
COMO 5322.99	2343.97	7666.96	ANDREW CHAPEL 837.92	3185.88	4023.80	BELMONT FIRST 5199.96	16288.86	21488.82	BLUFF SPRINGS 0.00	200.00	200.00	CALVARY 1972.76	947.65	2920.41	
COURTLAND 4338.00	3758.00	8096.00	ANTIOCH-BRANDON 21580.32	9870.41	31450.73	BETHLEHEM 864.43	1758.79	2623.22	CLARKSON 804.00	550.00	1354.00	CROSSROADS 1592.36	465.70	2058.06	
CRESHAW 5615.00	3950.00	9565.00	ANTIOCH-FLORENCE 8088.48	978.24	9066.72	CALVARY 7111.23	9692.10	16803.33	CUMBERLAND 6812.45	3466.00	10278.45	EDGEWORTH 50.00	50.00	100.00	
ENID LAKE 1694.07	1136.72	2830.79	BAKEFOOT SPRINGS 1740.00	1740.00	3480.00	EASTPORT 175.20	2820.09	2995.29	FAITH 104.39	1360.81	1465.20	FBC EUPORA 68551.64	42094.16	110645.80	
ENON 4281.00	981.50	5262.50	BETHEL 10582.19	5585.55	16167.74	FBC BURNSVILLE 1526.98	2402.00	3928.98	FBC MATHISTON 31131.13	30953.45	62084.58	FBC MATHISTON 31131.13	30953.45	62084.58	
FBC BATESVILLE 159160.50	39465.95	198626.45	BRIAR HILL 114538.15	35905.22	150443.37	CLD CENTRAL 17734.21	500.00	31681.14	HEBROON 1618.59	1079.08	2697.67	HILLARS GROVE 6090.50	1696.36	7786.86	
FBC SARDIS 34824.99	358.00	35182.99	CATTLEWOODS 16305.45	6449.18	22754.63	HIGHLAND 655.28	1919.38	2574.66	MANTEE 17790.33	33844.54	51634.87	MONTEVISTA 1271.00	490.00	1761.00	
FIRST FAITH 1003.28	758.00	1761.28	CATO 22077.40	15636.37	42713.77	IUKA 29200.00	9108.18	38308.18	MT VERNON 2571.00	2989.00	5560.00	MT VERNON 2571.00	2989.00	5560.00	
GOOD HOPE 6833.68	3646.42	10480.10	CLEAR 6517.55	3191.89	9709.44	MT MORIAH 600.00	900.00	1500.00	MT ZION 1207.73	80.00	1287.73	NEW HOPE 1734.21	9026.00	18517.00	
HEBROON 5685.24	547.90	6233.14	CONCORD 7874.72	3407.00	11281.72	MT VERNON 1482.64	376.74	1859.38	PHILADELPHIA 3120.00	6520.00	9640.00	PILGRIMS REST 3120.00	399.00	399.00	
IMMANUEL 3659.95	1999.80	5659.75	CROSSROADS 116648.60	46951.59	163600.19	NEW LIBERTY 8810.25	6787.00	15597.25	REEDS CHAPEL 399.00	399.00	798.00	SAPA 750.00	700.00	1450.00	
LIBERTY HILL 8817.25	1815.00	10632.25	CROSSGATES 6629.04	7834.98	14464.02	NEW PROSPECT 9430.85	6373.23	15804.08	SHILOH 2207.47	3649.40	5856.87	TOMMOLLEN 2785.40	3091.75	5877.15	
LOCKE STATION 6702.54	1722.40	8424.94	DRY CREEK 1515.00	1515.00	3030.00	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	UNION 3893.22	1374.21	5267.43	UNION HALL 166733.96	165683.90	332417.86	
MCIVOR 615.58	371.50	987.08	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	WINSTON			ANTIOCH 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
NORTH BATESVILLE 11737.97	3100.00	14837.97	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
PEACH CREEK 5175.45	4345.50	9520.95	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
PHARSALIA 562.04	600.00	1162.04	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
PILGRIMS REST 5698.59	2075.00	7773.59	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
ROSE HILL 14073.00	3313.38	17386.38	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
SARDIS LAKE 7377.79	2700.72	10078.51	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
SHADY GROVE 4008.00	3652.00	7660.00	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
TOWNSHIP 2691.50	1090.00	3781.50	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
UNION 2720.84	1612.62	4333.46	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
WEST BATESVILLE 50.00	50.00	100.00	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
TOTAL	333191.02	137062.88	470253.90	TOTAL	204353.28	202997.79	407351.07	TOTAL	313378.33	144264.90	457643.23				
PEARL RIVER				RANKIN				TISHOMINGO				WEBSTER			
BETHEL 12506.68	10576.58	23083.26	*ASSOCIATION 0.00	250.00	250.00	ASSOCIATION 2143.67	50.00	2193.67	ASSOCIATION 0.00	126.00	126.00	BLUFF SPRINGS 0.00	200.00	200.00	
CENTRAL 16455.24	7391.00	23846.24	ANDREW CHAPEL 837.92	3185.88	4023.80	BELMONT FIRST 5199.96	16288.86	21488.82	BLUFF SPRINGS 0.00	200.00	200.00	CALVARY 1972.76	947.65	2920.41	
CONCORD 2491.73	2991.44	5483.17	ANTIOCH-BRANDON 21580.32	9870.41	31450.73	BETHLEHEM 864.43	1758.79	2623.22	CLARKSON 804.00	550.00	1354.00	CROSSROADS 1592.36	465.70	2058.06	
CRANE CREEK 12519.76	2420.00	14939.76	ANTIOCH-FLORENCE 8088.48	978.24	9066.72	CALVARY 7111.23	9692.10	16803.33	CUMBERLAND 6812.45	3466.00	10278.45	EDGEWORTH 50.00	50.00	100.00	
DERBY 1843.16	2885.66	4728.82	BAKEFOOT SPRINGS 1740.00	1740.00	3480.00	EASTPORT 175.20	2820.09	2995.29	FAITH 104.39	1360.81	1465.20	FBC EUPORA 68551.64	42094.16	110645.80	
EMMANUEL 80.00	441.00	521.00	BETHEL 10582.19	5585.55	16167.74	FBC BURNSVILLE 1526.98	2402.00	3928.98	FBC MATHISTON 31131.13	30953.45	62084.58	FBC MATHISTON 31131.13	30953.45	62084.58	
FAITH MEMORIAL 4321.70	5026.70	9348.40	BRIAR HILL 114538.15	35905.22	150443.37	CLD CENTRAL 17734.21	500.00	31681.14	HEBROON 1618.59	1079.08	2697.67	HILLARS GROVE 6090.50	1696.36	7786.86	
FBC CARRIAGE 3903.12	1927.88	5831.00	CATTLEWOODS 16305.45	6449.18	22754.63	HIGHLAND 655.28	1919.38	2574.66	MANTEE 17790.33	33844.54	51634.87	MONTEVISTA 1271.00	490.00	1761.00	
FBC NICHOLSON 3000.00	1959.87	4959.87	CATO 22077.40	15636.37	42713.77	IUKA 29200.00	9108.18	38308.18	MT VERNON 2571.00	2989.00	5560.00	MT VERNON 2571.00	2989.00	5560.00	
FBC OZONA 2237.27	323.97	2561.24	CLEAR 6517.55	3191.89	9709.44	MT MORIAH 600.00	900.00	1500.00	MT ZION 1207.73	80.00	1287.73	NEW HOPE 1734.21	9026.00	18517.00	
FBC PICAYUNE 13821.78	93040.27	231562.05	CONCORD 7874.72	3407.00	11281.72	MT VERNON 1482.64	376.74	1859.38	PHILADELPHIA 3120.00	6520.00	9640.00	PILGRIMS REST 3120.00	399.00	399.00	
FBC POPLARVILLE 47419.05	36538.02	83957.07	CROSSROADS 116648.60	46951.59	163600.19	NEW LIBERTY 8810.25	6787.00	15597.25	REEDS CHAPEL 399.00	399.00	798.00	SAPA 750.00	700.00	1450.00	
FLAT TOP UNIT 3393.03	1961.08	5354.11	DRY CREEK 1515.00	1515.00	3030.00	NEW PROSPECT 9430.85	6373.23	15804.08	SHILOH 2207.47	3649.40	5856.87	UNION 3893.22	1374.21	5267.43	
FORDS CREEK 5699.75	4451.50	10151.25	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	UNION HALL 166733.96	165683.90	332417.86	WINSTON			
GOODYEAR 17641.44	11417.44	29058.88	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	ANTIOCH 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
GUM POND 4155.53	4080.62	8236.15	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
HARMONY 3173.64	3216.90	6390.54	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
HILLREST ROAD 1344.06	84.50	1428.56	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
JACKSON LANDING RD 1344.06	84.50	1428.56	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134.06	14513.37	58647.43	OLD UNION 2441.11	3419.67	5860.78	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	BETHEL 2689.00	2843.00	5532.00	
JUNIPER GROVE 18600.52	13570.07	32170.59	EASTSIDE PEARL 44134												

BE A PRAYER PARTNER

Editor:

Be involved in an exciting ministry opportunity from your own home!

The Luanda Baptist Association is looking for prayer partners to pray with them as they seek to minister and witness to the 5 million people (more than half are refugees from the 30 year old civil war). There are 19 Baptist churches (some less than 3 years old) 30 missions and a seminary.

The Association is hoping to see the number of churches grow dramatically in the next few years as they witness to Christ in City-wide events, local initiatives, and one-on-one encounters. You, your church, or your association can be a part of what God is doing in this war-torn country!

An added bonus — as a prayer partner with e-mail you will receive weekly updates from the field from the International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries working in this city, thereby keeping up to

date with life and work in one of the largest urban areas in Southern Africa.

Act now so you don't miss out on being a part of God's work among some of the most needy and desperate of people.

Please email mchaney5@aol.com to be enlisted on the weekly prayer/news letter.

Scot McHaney

IMB missionary to Angola

TEACHERS NEEDED

Editor:

Hundreds of Christian teachers are needed to staff English teaching programs in China during the summer of 2000. In the land that first captured the hearts of Southern Baptists many years ago and continues to intrigue and challenge us, the

vast majority of its 1.2 billion residents are still unreached.

Two primary options are available this year. China Encounter, which will last from July 12 to Aug. 12, is designed for teachers who are not able to commit an entire summer, but still want to be involved in this exciting teaching opportunity. The cost is \$1,500 plus international airfare. Please call (800) 999-3113 and press 8 for information.

The second option is almost two months in length. Beginning June 17 and concluding Aug. 15, it will cost \$3,780 all expenses included. If you are willing to be a part of this Summer Teaching Program, please call (800) 809-4637.

Bob McEachern

Volunteers in Missions

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USE EVANGELISTS

Editor:

While writing this letter to you, I have just completed a call to Randall Creel. I was in the process of deciding on a preacher for our revival when I received a letter from Randall.

In this letter he indicates the Holy Spirit has led him to a point of surrender to a clear unmistakable call of full-time evangelism. As I read his letter, I felt an urging Holy Spirit leading me to call Randall for a revival. I made that call, he said "yes," and the date was set. This will be the third year in a row that Liberty Church, Newton, has had a full time evangelist in our revival.

It worked for us, pastor. Why not see if it works for you?

J. B. Costilow

Liberty Church, Newton

Miss. congressman criticizes FCC's ruling

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A coalition of religious broadcasters, politicians, and special interest groups has mobilized a grass-

roots effort to fight a new ruling by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that would restrict noncommercial television stations from airing religious programming.

The decision, released Dec. 29, ruled that broadcasts "primarily devoted to religious exhortation, proselytizing or statements of personally-held religious views or beliefs" are restricted under the FCC's educational programming licenses. More than 125 noncommercial television broadcasters may be affected by the decision.

The FCC's ruling was part of an agreement that allowed PBS station WQED in Pittsburgh, Pa., to swap one of its two stations for religious broadcaster Cornerstone TeleVision's WPCB in Greensburg, Pa., in anticipation of that station's sale to Paxson Communications.

Specifically, the FCC said broadcasters must devote 50% of their regularly scheduled air time to educational programs. The commission also defined what content would count as educational. It said church services would not qualify as educational programming, unless the service was the funeral of a national leader.

U.S. Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, unveiled new legislation Jan. 11 that would reverse the FCC's decision. Oxley said he would introduce the legislation when Congress reconvenes on Jan. 24. Oxley joined Reps. Steve Largent, Mississippi Congressman Chip Pickering, and Cliff Stearns in a letter written to Vice President Al Gore and FCC Chairman William Kennard protesting the decision. Pickering, a Southern Baptist, told Baptist Press he is very concerned about the ruling.

"This was an arrogant overreach by the FCC," Pickering said. "We cannot afford to let this ruling stand. There is no place for the government to place value on religious expression."

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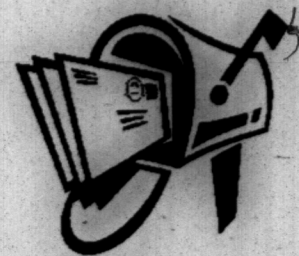
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NAMES IN THE NEWS



Fulton, The Phillipses, and Webb

— Lee Phillips was recently ordained as a deacon for Mt. Carmel Church, Edinburg. Pictured are Wm. Keith Fulton, pastor; Phillips and his wife Michelle; and Laston

Webb, deacon chairman.

Steve Walker of Pinola, music evangelist, will be in concert at Friendship Church, Ellisville, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m., and

Salem Church, Collins, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Elmer C. Ash is pastor of Friendship Church. Brett Golson is pastor of Salem Church. For more information, call (601) 847-4375.



Mt. Carmel Church, Edinburg, recognized Claiborne Perry on Jan. 9 for his many years of service as deacon. Pictured are Laston Webb, deacon chairman; Perry; and Wm. Keith Fulton, pastor.

STAFF CHANGES

John Stevens has resigned from First Church, Quitman, to become senior pastor of First Church, Apopka, Fla., effective Jan. 2. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.



Stevens

Joe Herndon, pastor of Fredonia Church, New Albany, since October 1994, will retire from the active pastorate on Feb. 6. Herndon began pastoring in 1963 at Shiloh Church, Chickasaw County. He also pas-

tored churches in Monroe, Prentiss, Pontotoc, and Union counties. Herndon will be available for supply, interim work, conferences, and revivals. He may be reached at (662) 489-6354 after Feb. 6. He and his wife Annette will make their home at 52 Alma Lee Drive, Ecu, MS. A reception will be held on Feb. 6 from 2-4 p.m. in fellowship hall.

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Hollis W. Nix, former pastor, dies at age 85

Mississippi native Hollis W. Nix, 85, died Dec. 11 in Newnan, Ga. Churches he pastored in Mississippi were Toomsaba, Toomsaba; Oak Grove, Shubuta; and interim at Salem, Collins. Other states his ministry reached were Okla., Texas, Calif., Ariz., and Ark. Nix was a graduate of Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz. He also studied at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.; Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

"He was known as a strong mission pastor and fully supported the Southern Baptist work and program," said his wife Ettie Mae Nix of Newnan, Ga. He is also survived by his son Paul of Newnan, Ga.; two grandchildren; brother, Edward Nix of Cordova, Tenn.; and nieces and nephews.

HADDON W. ROBINSON

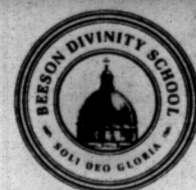
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Ukraine partnership projects set for 2000

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April 1-21-May 2: New Church Start – Nikolaevka

Deadline is February 21, 2000. Team leader: Kiely Young (Area 9), P.O. Box 10254, Gulfport, MS 39505, (228) 831-9236.

May 7-16: New Church Start – Veleka Mehalovka

Deadline is March 7, 2000. Team leader: Bruce Jolly (Area 8), 310 Highway 35, Collins, MS 39428, (601) 765-4689 (O), (601) 765-8931(H). E-mail: covjeff@netdoor.com.

May 19-30: New Church Start – Savran

Deadline is March 19, 2000. Team leader: Joe Able (Area 6), 406 Ware Street, Carthage, MS 39051, (601) 267-4342 (O), (601) 267-5288 (H). E-mail: lcba@netdoor.com.

June 2-13: New Church Start – Shenaev

Deadline is April 2, 2000. Team leader: Frank Pevey (Area 3), 222 North Fourth, Cleveland, MS 38732, (662) 843-8798 (O), (662) 846-5307 (H). E-mail: fnjpevey@tecinfo.net.

June 16-25: Construction

Deadline is April 16, 2000. Team leader: Greg Bowers, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 366, Indianola, MS 38751-0366, (662) 887-2241 (O), (662) 887-3081(H).

July 7-16: Pastors Conference – Odessa

Deadline is May 8, 2000. Team leader: Jim Futral, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. (Team is complete.)

July 16-25: New Church Start – Razdelnaia

Deadline is May 16, 2000. Team leader: Bill Duncan (Area 4), 560 Willowbrook Road, Columbus, MS 39701, (662) 328-6802 (O), (662) 323-6448 (H). E-mail: gtba@tilc.com.

July 14-August 13: Children's Camps – 4 college students.

July 28-August 6: VBS team – Odessa

Deadline is May 28, 2000. Team leader: Ann Stone, Route 1, Box 359, Mantee, MS 39751, (662) 456-4440.

August 4-15: Women's conference – Odessa

Deadline is June 4, 2000. Team leader: Kay Cassibry, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-

0530, (800) 748-1651, ext. 318. E-mail: kcassibry@mbcb.org

August 4-15: New Church Start – Kotovsk

Deadline is June 4, 2000 – Team leader: Rob Sugg (Area 5), P.O. Box 250, Jackson, MS 39205-0250, (601) 949-1900 (O). E-mail: sugg@fbcj.org.

August 18-27: New Church Start – Kodema

Deadline is June 18, 2000. Team leader: John McBride (Area 7), P.O. Box 201, Hazlehurst, MS. 39083, (601) 894-2024 (O), (601) 894-4377 (H). E-mail: 71173.2622@compuserve.com.

September 1-12: New Church Start – Balta

Deadline is July 1, 2000. Team leader: John Perkins (Area 1), P.O. Box 381, Hernando, MS 38632, (662) 429-5033 (O), (662) 429-3387 (H). E-mail: mwbapt@bell-south.net.

September 15-26: New Church Start – Lubashevka

Deadline is July 15, 2000.

Team leader: Jack Maroon (Area 2), P.O. Box 100, Belmont, MS 38827-0011, (601) 454-3380 (O), (601) 454-3515 (H). E-mail: bjbc@tsixroads.com.

September 21-October 1: Prayer Walk to Crimea

Deadline is July 21, 2000. Team leader: Barri Shirley, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530, (800) 748-1651 ext. 240. E-mail: bshirley@mbcb.org.

October 13-22: Medical/Dental team – Odessa

Deadline is August 13, 2000. Team leader: Norman Bailey, 307 Jackson Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39402, (601) 544-1794 (O), (601) 268-2668 (H). E-mail: nlbo2l752@aol.com.

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But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name (John 1:12).

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

BAPTIST COLLEGE NEWS

John T. Zietlow, associate professor of finance and business administration at Mississippi College, has won this year's 1999 Terry McAdam Book Award, for his book, *Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations*. The award, established by the Nonprofit Management Association in 1989 to spotlight insightful, practical nonprofit

publications, is administered by the Alliance for Nonprofit Management and underwritten by the New York Community Trust. The award ceremony was held in Boston, Mass. in December.

Mississippi College (MC) will host the 26th annual Mississippi Science and Mathematics Tournament on Feb. 3 and 4. Sponsored by the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science at MC, the tournament recognizes stu-

dents and their high schools for outstanding achievement in these fields of study.

The Music Department of Mississippi College (MC) will present Jeff R. McLelland, associate professor of music, MC, in a recital on Jan. 31 at 8:15 p.m. in Provine Chapel. The recital will feature traditional organ repertoire from the past centuries. McLelland, a native of Hattiesburg, is also the principal parish musician and organist at the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Madison.

William Carey College Theatre has scheduled two encore performances of "Crow and Weasel," which has been selected for the Region IV Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (ACTF). These performances are at 8 p.m. on January 28 and 29 in the O.L. Quave Theatre on the Hattiesburg campus. The play was first presented in October and then was entered in the Mississippi Kennedy Center/ACTF in November. Seats may be reserved by calling (601) 582-6221. The box office will be open daily from 1-4 p.m. beginning Jan. 24. Admission is by contribution, minimum of \$10 (\$7 for students).

Courses offered by the office of continuing education at Mississippi College are QuarkXpress, scheduled to meet on Wednesdays Feb. 9-March 1 from 6-8 p.m.; and a Speed Reading and Study Skills course, scheduled to meet on Mondays, Jan. 24-Feb. 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For additional information call (601) 925-3301.

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ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — Children attending the Southern Baptist Convention Day Camp in Orlando, Fla., June 13-14 will explore the theme "Kidz 2000 - Celebrate" through a combination of field trips, missionary testimonies, games, Bible studies, and other activities. The day camp schedule is Tuesday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon. Parents will be required to sign a medical release for their children.

Registration begins immediately, and will be offered to the first 200 children on a first-come, first-served basis through June 1. The cost is \$75 per child, which includes a T-shirt, snacks, the noon meal on Tuesday, and field trips. Registration information is available by calling (770) 704-0267 or via e-mail dpaco@juno.com.

IMB trustees approve expansion of MLC

AUBURN, Ala. (BP) — International Mission Board (IMB) trustees have approved an immediate \$23 million expansion of its crowded Missionary Learning Center (MLC) in Rockville, Va., to handle the rapidly escalating numbers of Southern Baptists coming forward for overseas missions service.

Approval for the expansion came during the trustees' regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 10-12 at Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center in Auburn, Ala. It followed a seventh straight year of record missionary appointments to Southern Baptists' overseas work.

Board officials said the need to quickly expand the overwhelmed training facility is so great they would immediately take the funds from the agency's capital reserves. The unusually large expenditure is possible, they said, because stock market surges have multiplied undesignated funds bequeathed to the board.

IMB leaders hope individual Southern Baptists will step up and donate funds to replace the money being used, but the agency does not plan to launch a major fund-raising campaign at this time.

In addition to the \$23 million for the MLC, trustees also voted to take another \$5 million over the next three years from that "God-provided stock market dividend" and spend it on strategic field projects overseas. Board officials said linking the MLC expansion with the strategic field projects overseas symbolizes the dual approach in the use of missions funds.

The MLC expansion comes as the

agency's books showed 902 new missionaries were approved in 1999. It was the seventh straight year for record appointments and puts the board in sight of its Bold Mission Thrust goal of 5,000 missionaries by September 2000.

After the Jan. 10 appointment service, the board's missionary total stood at 4,834, a record. The board counts all personnel appointed for two years or more as missionaries. If current trends continue, IMB leaders say the IMB could reach 10,000 missionaries much faster than they ever expected.

"If the personnel growth trend of the last two years continues, we would have more than 17,000 missionaries by 2005," IMB President Jerry Rankin told trustees. "If we flattened the trend to the last 10 years, included the plateaued, non-growth years of the early 1990s, we would still have more than 8,000 missionaries within five years."

The total number of churches overseas climbed from 47,224 in 1998 to 52,186 in 1999, an increase of 10.5%. New churches climbed from a previous record 4,251 to a new record of 4,748, an 11.7% increase. Likewise, membership increased from a record 4,489,172 in 1998 to 4,917,088, a healthy 9.5% increase.

Baptisms also set a new record of 363,703, or nearly 1,000 each day in 1999. Baptisms were up 4.3% over last year's already strong mark of 348,635 and posted the highest number in IMB history.

Preaching points, a key indicator of future growth, climbed to a record 38,363,

up 21.5% from last year's record 31,567.

Year-end figures also show that more than 25,000 Southern Baptists served overseas in volunteer mission projects lasting anywhere from a few days to several months.

All the growth is one more indication that God is stirring Southern Baptists and the nations for a remarkable spiritual surge overseas, Rankin said.

"The only obstacle that can keep us from seizing the opportunity and finishing the task is regressive thinking that locks us into the past rather than responding to a God-given vision of the future," he said.

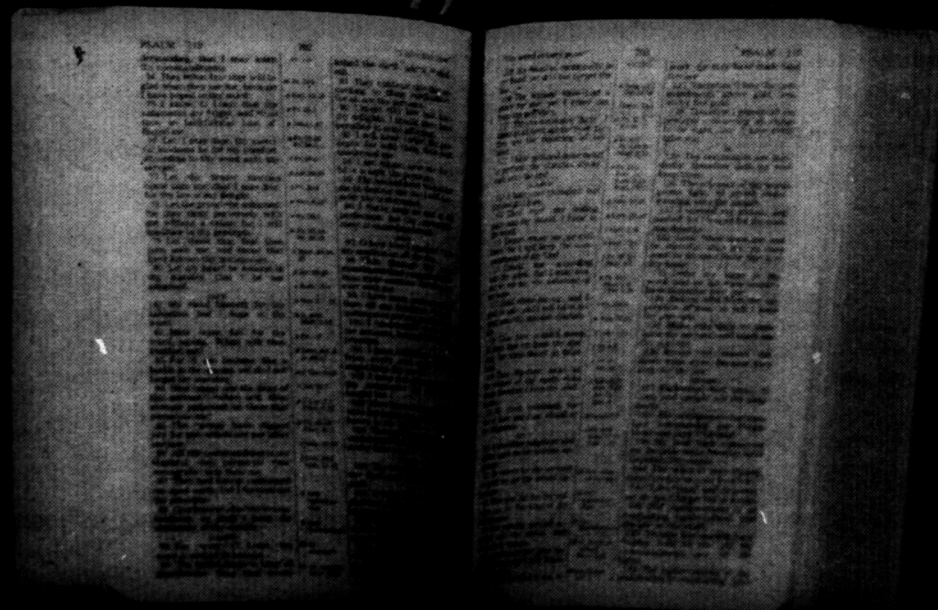
In other actions announced during the board meeting:

- Trustees authorized a pilot project to create Great Commission Resource Centers in selected churches around the country to provide initial contacts and applications for people interested in missionary service, interview and nurture candidates, enlist and train volunteers, promote prayer strategies, distribute and promote IMB materials and resources, and match congregations with unreached people groups.

- Trustees approved a new statement on "Solicitation of Fiscal Resources" that reinforces existing SBC and IMB policies forbidding individual missionaries from making "direct or even subtle solicitation of funds" from Southern Baptist churches.

The statement says the board and its missionaries "promote the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Period!"

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Strengthening faith

1 John 5:1-12

By Carl M. White

Despite what some may say, discipleship is not a burden. It does involve commitment, and it is not always easy, but the rewards far away overshadow any burdensome aspects. This is what John is saying in the first 12 verses of 1 John chapter five.

Live victoriously in Christ (vv. 1-5). The men of the Florida State University football team, national champions for 1999, worked long and hard to reach this goal. I doubt any of them would call the labor burdensome. The reason for that is simple — they were victorious.

The very same principle is at work in our relationship with

Christ. The demands of discipleship are often difficult, requiring sacrifice and self-discipline, but they are not burdensome because of the victory we share in Christ.

There is a direct relationship between behavior and what we value. Have you ever noticed that a student will gladly obey the demanding expectations of a teacher they love, but will buck and defy at even the small demands of a teacher they cannot stand? Who we love, we will obey.

Behavior is often a function of the heart. We behave in ways consistent with what we treasure. Thus, if we treasure the Lord Jesus Christ, we will obey

him. It is really that simple. A Christian who has an obedience problem with God, has a relationship problem with God.

Testimony of the Spirit, water, and blood (vv. 5-8). Of these three, it is easy to see the meaning behind the blood and the Spirit. The blood testifies that Jesus shed his blood on Calvary for the remission of our sins. As the beloved hymn says, "I've been washed, in the blood, in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb." The blood is a testimony that Jesus is the Christ.

The Spirit also gives testimony. A major emphasis in all of the writings of John concerns the Spirit. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies a three-fold ministry of conviction by the Spirit, concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8). The Bible teaches us that no person comes to Christ unless compelled by the Holy Spirit of God.

What about the water? Again, it is in John's Gospel that the emphasis is given on water baptism. When Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, the Lord told him "...unless one is born of the water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5). In his first epistle, John carries forward this emphasis on water baptism, pointing to the Baptism of Christ as a testimony of his authority.

Water baptism, however, is not enough. While important, as Baptists we understand that salvation is not in the tank, but in the blood, and in the Spirit. Baptism is a testimony about obedience. John points toward these three, saying in effect, there is a triune voice that attests to the Lordship of Christ: the water, the blood, and the Spirit.

Testimony of the Father (vv. 9-12). The final testimony of the authority of Christ is from the Father himself. Jesus is

recorded by John as saying, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Thus, there is inherit in the faith experience a validation that comes from beyond. "The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself" (1 John 5:10). God the Father makes the witness clear.

How do you describe the experience of holding your first born child to someone who has never experienced this? Words strain to express what is unexpressible. Once you have known it, you know it.

Someone once said, the way a person knows he or she has eternal life is, they just know. It is not a legal argument, nor is it a rational argument. It is experiential. Those who have experienced it know it.

Our faith is strengthened by the the victory we share with Christ, and through the testimony of the Spirit, the blood, our obedience, and the Father.

White is a member of First Church, Clinton.

FAMILY BIBLE SERIES

Focus on rewards

Matthew 20:1-16

By Lynn Jones

When you carry your automobile to a garage, you may pull in and say, "Check the motor." In the Christian life, part of our ongoing maintenance program should be our coming before God on a regular basis and saying, "Check the motive." Doing the right thing is a challenge for us. Doing the right thing for the right reason is an even greater challenge. Do we serve God because we want a great reward, or do we serve him because of deeper motivations?

Unequal work (vv. 1-7). Peter's question about rewards (19:27) may have prompted Jesus to tell this story about a

vineyard owner who needed extra workers in his vineyard, perhaps at harvest time. He hired four groups of workers at different times during the day. He promised the first group, hired early in the morning, that he would pay them the going rate for a day's work — one denarius ("penny"). He then hired some workers at 9:00 a.m., some at noon, some at 3:00 p.m., and some at 5:00 p.m.. The owner only promised these last four groups that he would pay them what was right (vv. 4, 7).

Persons come to serve God at many different ages in life. Some come at an early age while others begin in middle or

latter life. We need to thank God for the opportunity he has given us to serve him no matter how long or short the time. One little girl was explaining time to her younger brother. She said, "Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the 'present'."

Equal reward (vv. 8-12). Jewish law required that workers be paid when a day's work had ended. In accordance with that law, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman ("steward") to pay the workers, beginning with the last group hired and ending with the first group hired. When the steward paid the workers hired at 5:00 p.m., he paid them one denarius. He then proceeded to pay all of the others hired at various times in the day the same amount.

This did not sit well with those who had worked the entire day. When they had seen what the others had received, they had been expecting more. When they received only a denarius for their work, they became angry with the owner. They murmured and complained.

A soldier in World War II served with such distinction that he was awarded two silver stars. After the war was over, he gave away the two medals. Someone asked him why he had given the medals away after going through so much to get them. He explained, "I didn't fight for medals." What motivates us in our Christian service? Do we serve because of our expectations of rewards, or do we serve out of a sense of loyalty and commitment?

The vineyard owner denied that he was an unfair employer. He had paid the first group of workers exactly what he had

promised them. He reserved the right to give rewards as he saw best.

In the same way, the right to give rewards is God's alone. God is always giving us more than we deserve. That is called grace. We should not complain about God's grace bestowed upon others. That ought to be an occasion for joy not resentment.

Some might say, "I didn't get what I deserved." Thank goodness that we don't. If any of us get what we deserve, then we are in for some tough days.

God is a gracious giver. His generosity should move us to deeper levels of generosity in our service to him and in our relationships with others. It has been said that the gates of happiness swing on the hinges of gratitude and generosity. How deep is your gratitude? How great is your generosity?

Jones is pastor of First Church, Booneville.

LIFE AND WORK

Money to manage

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

By Michael Jones

When someone becomes a Christian our entire life is brought under the Lordship of Christ. This means that everything we have and everything we are becomes Christ's. Many times we like to hold on to certain areas of our life which we feel just don't lend themselves to being under the Lordship of Christ. There is probably no area of our life that we like to hold on to more than the financial area, our money. We say things like, "I just can't afford to pay tithes" or "I may not give a full 10% but I do give a little." When we make statements like

this, or think thoughts such as these, we are proving that we have not turned our finances over to the Lordship of Christ.

Many Christians today do not understand that when you give your life to Christ, you also give your possessions and finances to Christ. The problem is understanding what the Bible says about the stewardship of money.

Giving is a privilege (vv. 1-4). Paul describes the manner in which the Macedonian churches were giving. They were in "severe trial," and "extreme poverty," yet gave "beyond

their ability." Why? The answer is in verse four. They saw giving as a privilege of serving.

As Christians, we should view the giving of our possessions as a privilege, even when we do not have much to give. Undoubtedly, the Macedonians did not view their giving as a drudgery or just a duty. They were aggressive in their giving and Paul says even "urgently pleaded" to give. Giving to God of our possessions is a privilege, even in hard times.

Giving is a spiritual activity (vv. 5-7). The Macedonian church was able to view giving as a privilege because they first gave themselves to the Lord. Their giving was a testimony of their spiritual condition and commitment. So it is with us. If we have a hard time giving our possessions to God, or if we do

give but out of duty or grudgingly, then the problem is spiritual. We must first give ourselves to God wholeheartedly. In doing so the desire to give our possessions will follow.

Giving is a demonstration of love (vv. 8-9). Paul encouraged the Corinthians not only to give, but to give out of love. He urged them to view giving as a demonstration of love. He wanted to see their love match the earnestness of love others had shown through giving. He then reminds them of the demonstration of love God has shown through his giving of himself.

Our giving should be a demonstration of our love for Jesus. He has set the example for us in that he "became poor" that we might become "rich."

Giving helps meet others' needs (vv. 10-15). Paul gives the Corinthians some advice. They were the first to give and also had a sincere willingness to

give. He advises them that what counts is their willingness to give along with actually giving. In doing this, they would be helping out others in need.

Our willingness to give coupled with actually giving, helps those who are in need. This is what Christ expects from us. Many times we like to side step this by saying, "God helps those who help themselves." While this may or may not be true, this passage clearly shows that God helps others through us and through our giving.

Have you given your life to Christ? In doing so, where do your possessions lie? Have they been given to Christ or are you trying to hold this part of your life back? Remember, becoming a Christian means making Christ the Lord of your life, your whole life.

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Protecting children on Internet

Donna Rice Hughes, author of "Kids Online: Protecting Children in Cyberspace" (1998, Fleming H. Revell, a division of Baker Books), suggests a seven-step program for computer use by children:

- Place the family computer in the family or living room, so that all usage takes place in the open.
- Use the Internet together with your children and develop the same lingo they use.
- Use an Internet service provider that filters out pornographic sites, controls e-mails, and limits kids' ability to download sites from the World Wide Web.
- Make sure children never give out their names, addresses, phone numbers or load pictures of themselves on the Internet.
- In addition to frequently reminding your kids not to release personal information, tell them not to ever agree to meet someone they meet on-line face-to-face.
- Make sure your child knows to report all offensive, threatening, sick and/or bizarre e-mail to you immediately.
- Report all child porn and other illegal activities to either the Cyber Tipline at www.missingkids.com/cyber tip or to the National Center for Missing or Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678. Also contact your local police.

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Clue: R = V

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Jude Twenty-One.

Christmas computers come with cautions

WASHINGTON (BP) — As your kids begin to use the computer with Internet access purchased for them this Christmas, beware the grinch that paces to and fro on the World Wide Web, seeking to devour your kid with photos and videos so vile they defy description.

With the Internet awash in nearly 300,000 pornographic sites that the U.S. Department of Justice has done little to combat, Christian parents must protect their families from thousands of horrific images of child pornography, homosexuality, bestiality, sadomasochism, torture, and rape, said Donna Rice Hughes.

Rice Hughes is the author of "Kids Online: Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace" (1998, Fleming H. Revell, a division of Baker Books). She currently volunteers for "Enough is Enough," a non-profit Internet safety group for which she formerly worked as vice president of communications, having resigned her paid position this past summer to accept a paid consultancy with FamilyClick.com, a filtered Internet service provider.

She also maintains an Internet safety website at www.protectkids.com which has links to several other groups involved in fighting Internet pornography.

As personal computers continue to steadily expand their influence on society, becoming as common as the telephone, the TV and stereos — and increasingly capable of replacing all three — 62% of parents of American teenagers said they were unaware their children had accessed objectionable websites, according to one recent study. Most children are lured to such sites by unsolicited e-mails, or are inundated

with sex-related subject heading links when searching for information on an unrelated topic. According to the same study, 91% of children accessing objectionable websites did so unintentionally.

Though FBI prosecution of on-line child predators has grown 10 times since 1996, according to the agency's website, the larger arena of Internet smut is growing exponentially, earning hundreds of millions of dollars and becoming among the most profitable of the Internet start-up companies.

Pornographic bookstores cannot legally sell such material, yet it is freely sold on the Internet, where pornographers and predators who prey on the young lure children to their websites using free lurid photographs as bait.

Countless lives are negatively affected by the burgeoning porn trade, from those who view the images to those whose pictures are distributed, often without the permission of the persons depicted, Rice Hughes said. She speaks from some experience.

In 1987, a photo of her sitting on the lap of then-presidential hopeful Gary Hart on a boat called "Monkey Business" were transmitted and published around the world.

Among statistics and facts regarding kids and Internet porn:

Children ages 8 to 15 have become the largest single group of Internet users, according to an October 1999 Arbitron New Media Study. Arbitron found the majority of children in that age group's on-line use at home occurs right after school, when working parents are not at home.

Pornographers often disguise their sites into "stealth sites" with common brand names such as Disney, Barbie, and ESPN to

entrap children. Thirty percent of all unsolicited e-mails are pornographic, according to an October 1999 study by Choose Your Mail.com.

America Online (AOL) subscribers receive twice as much unsolicited e-mail as do other internet service provider subscribers, according to an October 1999 AC Nielsen study.

Each day, the statistics steadily worsen, Rice Hughes said. "I've talked to children who looked up the word 'dog' to get material for a book report and have been led instead to the most despicable photos of bestiality," she said, "or they'll be surfing the net wanting to read and see pictures of their favorite water sport, like surfing, and click on sites that open up to photos of people being urinated on and worse."

"It's beyond what you can imagine, and very illegal under current laws."

Yet there have been no federal prosecutions of those who are responsible for enticing America's youth into a world of sexual depravity that irrevocably scars their psyches with images they most likely would not have ever otherwise encountered.

"Once they are taken in, these images stick with you for the rest of your life," Rice Hughes said. "Viewing this type of thing is not healthy for the most well-adjusted adults, let alone an impressionable child."

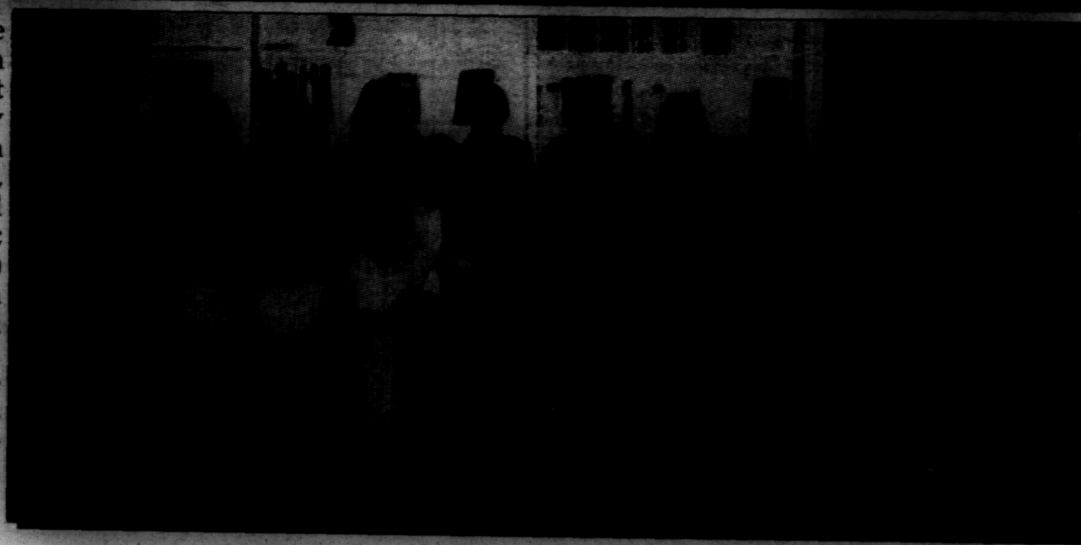
Though current laws are sufficient to arrest and prosecute predators who lurk on the Internet, hunting for impressionable children to entice into sites at which they often use their parents' credit cards to see more such photos, Rice Hughes said she has yet to find an Internet obscenity arrest that has resulted in a federal prosecution.

NEWS JUST FOR KIDS

East End Church, Columbus, held a special recognition service for first grade boys and girls moving up into the children's ministry. Each child was recognized and presented with a new Bible. Pictured (front row, from left) are Mary Allison Andrews, Danielle Fowler, Emily Moore, Lani Norman, Mary Beth Spitler; (back row) Conner Nichols, Caleb England, Jonathan Foster, Michael Wyrick, and Turner Votipka.

The teachers and children of Barnes Crossing Church, a mission of First Church Tupelo, wrote, directed, and presented "The Christmas Story" on Dec. 19. Pictured (front row, from

left) are Cassie Smith, Brandon Brock, Kirt Henry, Cody Brock, Sean Stringfellow, Kyle Henry, and Adriane Smith; (second row) Jamie Eaton, Sara Stringfellow, and Sherry Henry. Workers in the children's department are Staci Brock, Sherri Henry, Carol Buse, Peggy Irvin, and Chris Smith. J. D. Johnson is pastor.



Twenty-nine children participated in a reading program this past summer at Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. After 11 weeks of hard work and a lot of reading, the children had read 514 books. The two top readers were Montana Bates with 54 books read, and Dustin Speights with 56 books read.



First graders of East End Church, Columbus



Children of Barnes Crossing Church, Tupelo